

Journey to the Cross Lessons from the Triumphal Entry

Icebreaker: Spring is coming!! What is your favorite Spring flower?

Read Together: Luke 19:28-40 (NIV), Zechariah 9:9 (NIV), 1 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NIV) **Discuss:**

- What was the Holy Spirit saying to you during the message this week?
- What are your thoughts when considering the miracle of Jesus riding a donkey that had never been ridden before?
- > Jesus invites the unlikely to be used for His glory. Why did Jesus choose a donkey instead of a majestic horse or other means of transportation?
- Were you aware that the Apostle Paul was judged for his speaking ability? How did Paul respond to his critics? How do you respond to yours?

Read Together: Luke 19:37 (NIV), Matthew 15:8 (NIV) Discuss:

- > Jesus distinguishes "wanters" from "worshipers". What is the difference between a "Wanter" and a "Worshipper"?
- In all honesty, is your heart close or far from Jesus?
- ➤ How can you tell if you are a "wanter" or a "worshipper"?
- We can often waiver in our beliefs because we don't get the shortsighted things we pray for. When God doesn't do what you ask Him to do, what is your reaction?

Read Together: Luke 19:39(NIV)

Discuss:

- Can you recall when you had a religious spirit and Jesus convicted you and made you uncomfortable? Share some of the experience with your group if you are able.
- ➤ How would you have felt if you were Jesus and the religious leaders told you to rebuke your followers?

Read Together: Luke 19:41-42 (NIV), Luke 13:34 (NIV) Discuss:

- > Jesus offers true peace. How often do you experience a deep level of peace?
- As a church family, we are going to pursue God in this fresh new season. He will do new things if we will let Him! Whom will you invite to come along with us as we pursue God with fresh vision and peace?

Pray:

Father, I confess that I often miss the bigger things you are doing because I am shortsighted. I struggle to see past my own worries, doubts, disappointments, and fears. You have not given me a spirit of fear, and I want to live like it! I want to be a true worshipper who pursues and trusts you, even when I cannot see the entire picture you are painting. Please give me eyes to see and ears to hear your heart. Help me to understand your goodness in deeper ways than I have ever understood before. Show me more of yourself and help me to share that with others around me! In Jesus' name, Amen!

Take some time to pray for 1-2 people that God brings to your mind. Invite a couple of people to pray with you today as well!