



LIFE GROUP GUIDE

REMINDER: This guide is to be used as such, a guide. The questions should be used as conversation starters. Allow your students to come up with their own answers. Don't feel obligated to "get through" all the questions. However, do leave time for the living section at the end.

Connection: Check in with your students, maybe highs and lows. **Be sure to check in with them to see how their week went. What rituals did they come up with? How might they invite Jesus into those rituals? Did they learn anything?**

Big Idea: Life is no longer about who we think Jesus is; it's about who He actually is.

Our Story:

1. What's one thing of spiritual significance that stood out to you from this weeks video?

God's Story:

Mark 11:1-11

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples² and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it." ³ If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately." ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹¹ And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Zechariah 9:9

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Reflection:

1. What were the people's expectations of Jesus as they welcomed Him into the city? What did people think he was going to do?
2. Have you ever had expectations of someone that they didn't meet, whether for good or for bad? Who was it and what happened?
3. Have you ever had someone surprise you and be totally different than you thought they would be? Who was it and what happened?
4. Have you ever had expectations of how Jesus should act or what he should do? What were they?
5. How did you feel when that happened?
6. Has God ever done something differently than you wanted and the outcome was far better than you could have thought?
7. Has God ever done something differently than you wanted and the outcome from your perspective was not good?
8. What do you do when life doesn't go your way? How do you respond?
9. What might accepting Jesus into your life on HIS terms look like?
10. What are some things you could do to shift your expectations of Jesus?

Living:

Think of one thing in your life that you are holding on to, that you want done YOUR way. This week begin to pray that God would change your heart that you might allow Him to be King of that thing as opposed to you being king. And that you might trust Him no matter what happens.

Be sure to take time and pray with the students

