

# COMMUNITY

**Don't Do Life Alone**

## Leaning Into Worship

**Luke 19:28-40 (NIV)**, “28 After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 30 “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’” 32 Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” 34 They replied, “The Lord needs it.” 35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. 36 As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. 37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 38 “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” 40 “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

John 12:13 (NIV), They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the king of Israel!”

**1. Worship turns a negative experience into a hopeful perspective.**

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**An ounce of reflection is worth a pound of gratitude.**

**Psalm 100:4**, “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”

**2. Worship appropriates future promises to our current reality.**

**Hosanna = save**

**3. Worship reminds me that everything I experience in this world is a world in which He rules supreme.**

**Philippians 4:6-7**, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. You can worship or you can worry but you cannot do both

I can worship or I can worry, but I cannot do both at the same time.

**Two things to reflect on this week:**

1. God's provision: In what ways has God provided for me and my needs?
2. God's protection: In what ways has God watched over me?

