

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH



Community Group Discussion Guide

What We Need Right Now (Palm Sunday) / April 5, 2020 / Pastor Paul Taylor

COMMUNITY GROUP NOTES

⇒ HOSTING GROUPS ONLINE / COVID-19 PLANS

During this season where we cannot meet in person as a church family, we're encouraging people to connect and meet online. We've put together a resource guide for hosting online groups. That guide walks through available technology platforms and provides best practices for having a successful online gathering. You can access that resource guide by clicking on the link below. If you have questions about moving your group online, or would like to start a new online group, please reach out to Matt Jewell, the Director of Groups, at mjewell@riverscrossing.com.

Resource Guide: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pr8HzqsyAD5bm2Z3uUwTkLU0uYdWtBir/view?usp=sharing>

⇒ HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR CARE NEED?

As a church, we're here for you and we are praying for you. If you have a prayer request or care need, you can submit both of those via the Rivers Crossing website (see the link below) or our church app.

Rivers Crossing Care Team: <https://riverscrossing.com/care-team/>

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Icebreaker Activity – Virtual Scavenger Hunt: Have each person locate the following items: a cherished photo that resides in a picture frame, a favorite coffee or tea mug, and an article of clothing that you love but probably should throw out. Once everyone has returned, host a “show and tell” with the items.
2. Pastor Paul highlighted the incredible generosity of our church family! How have you and your family practiced and/or experienced generosity during the COVID-19 outbreak? If you've practiced generosity, what motivated you to do so?
3. Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem is recorded in each of the four gospel accounts. Consider the account written by the Apostle John. Read John 11-12:36 together and discuss the corresponding questions.
 - a) What stands out to you from the story of Jesus' encounter with Lazarus and his sisters? How does this story provide additional meaning for what is about to take place in the life of Jesus?
 - b) How did the eyewitness video shown during the service help you better picture or reflect upon Jesus's arrival into Jerusalem, the event that is traditionally celebrated on Palm Sunday?
 - c) What do you think was on Jesus' heart and mind as he rode into Jerusalem? What do Jesus' words and interactions as recorded in John 12:20-36 reveal about what was on his heart and mind?
4. How are you planning to use this week to prepare yourself and your family for Easter Sunday?
5. As Easter approaches, who might God be calling you to reach out to, invite to church, and even share the good news of Jesus Christ? How can your group members encourage you to reach out to others?

COMMUNITY GROUP PRAYER TIME

Prayer Exercise: Read Psalm 118 together. As group members feel led, pray the Psalmists' words back to God. Pray for the coming of Easter next Sunday, for the local and global church, and that many would come to believe and trust Jesus as they hear about and reflect on Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

Additionally, you're encouraged to share personal prayer requests and pray for one another.

Global Prayer Movement – #Unite714 / Find more information on Unite714 by clicking [HERE](#).