



Discipleship Guide Not The God We Are Looking For Palm Sunday Luke 19:28-44

This guide is an invitation to follow Jesus with greater purpose and hope. It will help you to explore the scriptures and challenge you to live out your faith. Each week we'd love for you to think about how you relate: **Up** (with God), **In** (with church) and **Out** (with neighbors).

Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
 - How are you living up with God?
 - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
 - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

Read Luke 19:28-44

- Why is Jesus going to Jerusalem? What is significant about Jesus coming to Jerusalem at this time?
- Is this how you imagined the Creator of the Universe, Lord of all, King, would enter into the city of Jerusalem? What sticks out to you about Jesus' entrance?
- How does Jesus' entrance into the city differ from the way most other leaders would enter into a city when they are being confronted by power?
- Read Zechariah 9:9-10. How is Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem a reflection of this truth about who the true King from God is?
- What are some of the ways we want God to be...that God is not? What are some ways we want God to meet our expectations but Jesus defies our expectations?
- What is the significance of Jesus weeping over the city?
- Nicholas Wolterstorff says "God is not only the God of the sufferers but the God who suffers." What does it mean that God can and does suffer?
- Where do you find yourself in this scripture passage? The crowd? The people in the city unaware of Jesus' arrival? A person in power? A religious leader who is frustrated with Jesus? Where are you in this story?
- Will you let your heart break for the brokenness that exists in your relationships and in our world?
- Where is God asking you to ride humbly on a donkey instead of exercising power in a relationship this week?

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?