Series *Sermon-based Growth Group Questions*

March 28, 2021
John 12:12-19

Introductory Discussion:

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Discussion:

1. Jesus knew that a large crowd proclaiming him king would force the religious leaders to act. Why did he allow it? (See verse 23.)

2. What were the people expecting Jesus to be and do?

    a. How does Jesus riding in on a donkey upend their expectations?

3. Riding on a donkey signals humility and peace. Why did Jesus want to send this message?

    a. Considering what Jesus came to Jerusalem to do, how are humility and peace appropriate?

    b. What does it say about how we should make our "entrance" into the lives of people around us?

4. Jesus didn't come in as a warlord, but as the Prince of Peace. What does Jesus do to bring peace between man and God?

    a. How does it help to know that God has a plan, especially when we can't see how things will work out?

5. The people followed Jesus because he raised Lazarus, which may have given them false ideas about what Jesus was there to do for them. What are our expectations of God and how could we be in error?

6. Not only did the Jews see the Messiah as a political leader, but also a leader only for them. So, how does the religious leaders saying, "The whole world has gone after him," show that he had a greater purpose?

7. How does this text change your expectations for Jesus's entry into your life and how you should respond?