

**FAC Small group questions
April. 2, 2023- Palm Sunday!**

**Choose the best questions for your group or bring your own.
Our hope is that your Life Group is a loving community of disciple-makers!**

Read John 12: 12-28

Choose a few of the following questions to discuss:

- For Christ to purposefully make His way back toward Jerusalem was, essentially, to walk toward His death. Describe a time when you intentionally moved toward a difficult person/situation/event for the sake of fulfilling the will of the Father. What thoughts/emotions did you experience at that time?
- Read 1 Peter 2:19-25. This passage describes the reality of facing hardship in life and the model Christ established for us as He moved toward the cross. What foundational truth did the Savior cling to during His suffering? How should this same reality inform our hearts during times of trial?
- As the Triumphal Entry unfolded, the atmosphere must have been one of great energy and excitement. Why were the crowds so eager to welcome Christ? In what ways were their expectations and desires different from the heart of Jesus? List as many differences as you can think of.
- Think back over your relationship with Christ. In what ways has your understanding and expectation(s) of Christ changed over the years to more appropriately align with who He truly is? Be as specific as possible.
- In what ways have these changes in your heart (from Question #4) been a struggle? In what ways have they been a joy?
- The crowds who gathered for Passover were eager to welcome Christ, so long as He met their requirements and fit nicely into their pre-formed ideas. In what ways do you continue to struggle with trying to fit Jesus into your thoughts of "how things ought to be"? Are there specific situations during this current season in your life or in our nation/world that have uniquely revealed this struggle in your heart? What biblical truths are of help to your heart at this time?
- John 12:16 reminds us that even Jesus' disciples had much to learn and grow in regarding a right understanding of Jesus. Consider the promise Jesus made in John 14:25-26 to these same disciples. How did Jesus keep this promise and what evidence do we see of its fulfillment? Why is this good news to your heart today?

Closing question:

What is your main take away from the message? What is the application of that?

Pray for each other as a group, and pray for FAC as well, specifically our Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday services!