

14 DAYS: Week 2 – The Triumphal Entry

Open in Prayer

Welcome/Introductions/Cast Vision

Remind the Grow Group of the ground rules

Share context of the story *[Provide context by sharing the information below.]*

These verses describe Jesus' "triumphal entry" into Jerusalem. Though most Jews did not accept Jesus as the Messiah, the entry was nevertheless triumphant. The waving of the palm branches symbolized royalty and victory. Jesus also fulfilled the Old Testament prophecy of Zechariah 9:9 as he entered Jerusalem on a donkey's colt. His entry truly represented a triumph of God's plan of redemption.

Tell the story – Luke 19:28-40 *[Have someone tell the story.]*

Rebuild the story *[Group members tell the story together based on what they remember.]*

Read the story out loud *[Read the scripture passage to see if anything was added or omitted.]*

Discuss these questions:

1. What do we learn about God from this passage? *[God knows everything; God invites us to become involved with Him in His work; Jesus is worthy of my honor and praise; God is a miracle worker, transforming the lives of people; nothing is impossible with God; God is the Giver of all good things; God loves me with an everlasting love; God desires an intimate and personal relationship with me; Jesus came not as a warring king on a horse or chariot, but as a gentle and humble king on a donkey's colt; etc.]*
2. What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage? *[I should praise the Lord and express my love to Him; I often praise God for what He does and not simply because of who He is; I place other people or things before God and worship them as idols; I am capable of becoming an "idol factory," creating things to worship; my love for God should compel me to tell others about His love (II Cor. 5:14); I am constantly in need of His peace and strength; etc.]*
3. What is God saying to you specifically through this passage as it pertains to your life, marriage, family, and work?
4. In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?

Other questions specific to this passage:

1. The Jews wanted Jesus to deliver them from Roman rule. How do we also impose our selfish expectations on God? What can we do to help us avoid these selfish desires?
2. In what area of your life are you currently struggling to embrace Jesus as Lord?

Assign next week's passage – Luke 24:1-12 *[Ask someone to tell the story next week.]*

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14 DAYS: Week 2 – Leadership Coaching

The purpose of this page is to help you sharpen your skills as a Grow Group leader. Each week, we will include concepts, challenges, and resources designed to assist you as you lead and shepherd your Grow Group and grow as a disciple yourself.

Leading *[learn to facilitate your group more effectively]*

How do you keep in touch with your Grow Group? In groups, there are two types of communication. You have both group-wide informational conversations, as well as personal discipleship based conversations. Both levels are vital to a healthy group. This week, I want to hone in on group-wide communication. Group-wide communication could include meal plans, who is doing the next story, notes of encouragement, and other similar items. Some groups use the “GroupMe” app or a secret Facebook page for this level of communication.

Shepherding *[know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]*

A key part of shepherding, or intentionally leading your group, is follow-up. Every week provides opportunities to follow-up with your people on how they are doing. Consider the following as you shepherd your Grow Group:

- Have people in the group identify one other person that can help keep them accountable to their specific goals.
- Make note of what your people say in group time and ask them about their progress.
- Pray with your group members as they seek to develop these new habits.

Developing *[grow as a disciple yourself]*

“The goal of practicing a given discipline, of course, is not about doing as much as it is about being, this is, being like Jesus.” - Donald Whitney

The habits or disciplines of the Christian life have one goal, to see us transformed into a person whose character, desires, will, and actions increasingly mirror that of Jesus. In Mark 6, for example, we are given a vivid example of what compassion looks like. Jesus did not instruct His disciples on acting compassionately nor did He give them three easy steps to being a more compassionate person. Jesus demonstrated compassion and modeled that to His disciples. In this case, Jesus was very intentional. He wanted some time away from His disciples to rest and recharge. Yet, when He came face to face with the needs of the people, He surrendered His will to minister to them. Compassion was demonstrated as Jesus allowed the needs of others to interrupt His life.

Reflect on Mark 6:30-44 and consider the following:

Do I take time to notice the needs of others, especially when I am busy?
How does demonstrating compassion require me to adjust my priorities?