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Discipleship Phrase: Jesus comes to disrupt our perception of power, security and control.

Big Idea for Series: Our expectations are not always God's realization.

Abiding (*grow as a disciple yourself*)

God sees into that place inside you where your mind is constantly weighing options. Do you find yourself asking the question, "What can I get away with and still be a Christian?" The Lord is always looking at your heart and your desire to do His will. Read Psalms 139. David prays to God to search and know his heart. What things or beliefs do you need to let go of to make room so your heart can be more like God's?

Leading (*facilitate your group effectively*)

This series will be seven weeks in duration, each week covering one of the last seven days in the life of Jesus. This week we will be talking about the triumphal entry of Christ. The way He made his entrance was not flashy, it was (in fact) not what the people expected and yet...had eternal impact. As you reflect on leading this week, spend some time thinking about your expectations. What are they? Does the way you live, the words you use and the choices you make help to build your own kingdom, or His? What changes in your life if you "right-size" your expectations to those of God? Invite your members into a conversation that allows them to vulnerably share how/what changes when our expectations align with the design God has for each of us.

Shepherding (*know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep*)

As a Life Groups team, we're appreciative when leaders trust the process and seek alignment by using the curriculum that is provided weekly. Time, energy, and prayer go into this, and all, resources provided to leaders. While we value the importance of consistency with walking through the curriculum weekly, we also highly value the relational connection of your group. That said, frequency is a major part of shepherding and being in tune with your group needs. A possible healthy rhythm is sticking to curriculum every week for 4-6 weeks in a row, then diverting 1 week from curriculum to do something social and just down right fun. This will allow your group members to see one another in a different light and will ultimately enhance your depth, transparency and vulnerability of your weekly in group time. So for clarity, strive for be consistently walking through curriculum weekly for 4- 6 weeks consecutively, then divert for a social gathering 1 week, and then jump back into curriculum. We recommend this because spiritual growth is always the goal of Life Group, and relationship will always pave the way towards that end.

Life Group Leader Announcement (*leader specific info*)

- Life Group Leader Workshop! Intentional Leadership! March 7, 2021! A two-hour investment into your leadership! We meet right after church; lunch will be provided, space is limited! Click [here](#) to register!
- Life Group Leader Podcast! On Spotify [here](#), on Apple Podcasts [here](#)!

Church Announcements (*be in the know & share with your group*)

- Financial Peace University! Learn to save for emergencies, pay off debt, and build wealth so you can live and give like no one else! Register [here](#)!

REMEMBER: "Every group deserves a great leader."

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Welcome/Introductions (*creating a relational environment starts here; be friendly & acknowledge everyone*)

Open in Prayer (*kickoff every group gathering with honoring the Lord*)

Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows (*choose one that is best for your group this week*)

Weekly Vision Checklist (*See Flipbook re: announcements, the “why”, goal, outreach, guidelines, & branching*)

Ask a Hook Question (*a thought-provoking question to get the group heading in the right direction*)
What did you expect to be when you grew up?

Recap Last Week’s Message (*ask a couple people to share what stood out to them in this week’s message*)

Scriptures References (*Read scriptures **directly from the Bible**—it carries its own authority*)

Luke 19:28-36 (NIV), **Zechariah** 9:9-10 (NIV), **Luke** 19:37-44 (NIV), **Habakkuk** 2:9-11 (NIV)

Implications (*takeaways from the message*)

1. The Final Week invites us to consider the parts of our religious system that need to die so that something much better can come to life.
2. We often want the right things, but we want to acquire them the wrong way.
3. If we are pursuing the right kingdom using the wrong methods, we aren’t pursuing the right kingdom in the first place.
4. What kinds of things can come to life in us if we put to death our desire for worldly power and comfort?

Discussion Questions (*going beyond the surface*)

1. How did Jesus choose to enter Jerusalem and how was that different than what the people expected?
2. How are you building your kingdom and expecting God to bless it?
3. How are you building God’s Kingdom and how are you expecting to be the blessing to it?
4. What’s one step you can take to begin right sizing your expectations of God, yourself, and the church.

Prayer Requests (*record, share, and follow up throughout the week. Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.*)

Closing Prayer (*ask openly for a volunteer, encourage your people to step outside of their comfort zone regularly*)