

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY

In this message of the "On the Way with Jesus" series, Pastor Dave examined Jesus' entry into Jerusalem—a passage many treat as a "flyover" moment due to familiarity. The crowds celebrated Jesus, expecting a political messiah, but Jesus wept because they missed recognizing what would bring them true peace. The danger isn't just rejection—it's passive familiarity where we think we know Jesus but fail to truly see Him. Jesus invites us to recognize Him as the humble King who establishes a heavenly kingdom through the cross.

SHARE

Think about something in your life that has become so familiar you've stopped really appreciating it. What made you realize you'd been taking it for granted?

READ

Let's read our core passage together out loud as a group: **Luke 19:28-44**

DISCUSS

Feel free to pick/choose what is most helpful for you. Remember the goal is to have rich, relational, authentic, Jesus-centered discussions.

1. What stood out the most about the sermon?

2. In verses 29-34, Jesus sends His disciples to get a donkey, saying, "The Lord needs it." What does Jesus' willingness to "need" a donkey reveal about God's relationship with His creation and His people?

3. The crowds expected Jesus to overthrow Rome with power. How do our own expectations of what Jesus should do sometimes blind us to who He actually is? Where can we expect Jesus to solve our problems rather than trust Jesus to do things on his terms?

4. Read verses 41-44 again. What does Jesus' weeping over Jerusalem teach us about God's heart toward those who reject Him?

5. Pastor Dave warned that "familiarity dulls our response" and we can drift into "passive familiarity" with Jesus. Where have you noticed this drift in your spiritual life and other areas of your life?

6. What's the difference between seeking peace from Jesus versus seeking peace in Jesus?

7. Jesus established "a universal and spiritual kingdom of God based upon Himself" that "goes across all differences to unite us under Him." How does this vision of Jesus' kingdom challenge the divisions we see in our world today—and perhaps even in our own hearts? What would it look like for our small group to more fully reflect this kingdom that bridges across differences?

NEXT STEPS:

Slow Down with Scripture: This week, choose one "flyover passage" in your Bible reading and spend extended time with it. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see Jesus freshly.
Examine Your Expectations: Journal or pray through this question: "Am I following Jesus because He meets my expectations, or am I willing to surrender my expectations to receive who He truly is?"
Practice Recognition: Each day this week, pause to consciously recognize Jesus' presence with you. Don't just go through religious motions—actually acknowledge Him.
Bridge a Difference: Identify one person different from you and intentionally reach out to build a connection this week, reflecting Christ's kingdom that transcends earthly divisions.

PRAY:

Let's spend time in prayer together, guided by what we've discussed:

Confession: Confess areas where you've drifted into passive familiarity with Jesus.
Thanksgiving: Thank Jesus for being the Prince of Peace who weeps over us and invites us into His heavenly kingdom.
Intercession: Pray for our city—Markham, Stouffville, York Region, and the GTA—that people would recognize Jesus as the One who brings true peace.
Surrender: Surrender your expectations of what Jesus should do for you, and ask Him to help you receive who He actually is.

CONNECT:

As we approach Easter, be on the lookout for opportunities to serve together as a group. Check out **The Hub** for upcoming community events, **Good Friday and Easter services**, and ways our church family is reaching out to our neighbourhoods.

Consider how your group might participate together in reflecting Christ's kingdom.

RightNow Media has been updated with Easter Videos. **Check them out**.

CLOSING:

Don't let this be a flyover moment in your walk with Jesus. This week, slow down. Look again. Recognize Him. He's still inviting us—not just to celebrate Him, but to truly see Him.