

The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Have you ever been on a horse? How about a donkey? When you think about donkeys, what do you think? What are some stories in the Bible in which donkeys are mentioned?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Pat gave us four reminders that come from the picture of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey.**

INTRODUCTION

- **Watch this** creative interpretation of the story of Palm Sunday - the gateway to Passion Week.
 - (https://youtu.be/AmgTY0RrwlC?si=ZJo7bRs_AsYMuWVq)

Jesus on a Donkey...**1. Reminds us Jesus came as a servant (Matthew 21:5)**

- Jesus on a donkey is a picture of Christ's humility, gentleness, and servanthood. Put yourself in the place of the crowds that watched Jesus enter Jerusalem on a donkey. What might you have thought, felt, or questioned?
- Why is it so important that Jesus entered Jerusalem as a servant on a donkey instead of a king on a horse? How can we follow the example Christ gives in this moment?

2. Reminds us Jesus came to fulfill prophecy (Matthew 21:4-5)

- Compare Matthew 21:4-5 with Zechariah 9:9. What do you notice?
- Do you think our current culture is interested in knowing more about what is going to happen in the future? How might you talk to people who are curious about prophecy during this time of year.

3. Reminds us Jesus came to bring peace (Matthew 21:7-8)

- The crowds gave their outer garments (cloaks and robes) to Jesus to sit on, as well as laid them on the road in front of Him. How does this compare to the picture of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden? (Check out 2 Corinthians 5:21 to help make the correlation)
- Is your relationship with Jesus characterized by peace? Explain your answer to your group.

4. Reminds us Jesus is worthy of great praise (Matthew 21:11, 15-16)

- We worship those things that we surrender our lives to. Be honest, who/what are you worshipping right now?
- Ask everyone to complete this sentence, "Jesus, I will praise you this week because..."

Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that God will use His Word to remind you of the real Jesus during this special Easter season.