

Discussion Guide: Palm Sunday | Remember Me

Begin with prayer

5 min

Check In

20-30 min

Spend a few minutes catching up on life with one another.

- Fruit: what has been bringing you joy lately?
- Thorn: what have you been struggling with lately?
- Vine: how have you seen or been connecting with God lately?
- Bud: what are you looking forward to?

Discuss this week's practice

5-10 min

• How'd you do with practicing the Sabbath this week?

Discuss this week's sermon

10-15 min

- How was Holy Week celebrated in your family growing up? How will you be celebrating it this week?
- Dr. Richter described Christian slang we commonly use (often times without knowing it's meaning or origin) as *biblish*. These are things that we memorize, but not necessarily understand. What are some phrases or ideas you grew up hearing within the church that were common, but not understood?

Open your bibles together

25-30 min

- Read Matt. 21:8-11
- Jesus was greeted by the crowds with joy. The crowds would later cry "crucify Him".
 Have you ever seen people's opinions change like this? How is this a sign that we shouldn't base our worth in the opinions of others?
- Rome would have heard the Jews crying "save us" in the streets and viewed it as a threat. And yet, Jesus didn't stop them. How do we need salvation in our world today? How might Jesus be viewed as a threat by some?
- Read Matt 26:17-19



- Passover was a meal that honored the God who'd delivered a nation of slaves into freedom. How do we honor God for the freedom we've received in Jesus?
- Jesus borrows homes, food, & even donkeys during Holy Week. When have you ever felt God calling you to give your gifts, possessions, or resources for His mission? Why do you think God does this?
- Read Matt. 26:26-30
- Jesus invites His disciples to a meal that they would have eaten their entire lives and uses it to reveal a new truth. Has God ever revealed something new to you by using something that was common?
- How has God shown that He keeps His promises in scripture? How has He kept His promise in your life?
- The sacrifice that seals our covenant with God is the blood of Jesus. This means that the cross isn't just about forgiveness, but about restoring our relationship with the Father. What does it mean to be in covenant with God and to have our relationship restored?

Prayer for one another

10 min

• Encourage the person who's assigned over prayer request to get them at this time

Talk about the coming week's practice

- 5 min
- Make sure that everyone knows where to find the practice guide on the website.