

# GENESIS

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## 1. Announcements

- a. **Married Couples Retreat** - It is official, the Rock Marriage Retreat is coming!
  - **Who:** Umm...married couples...
  - **Where:** La Quinta Resort in Palm Desert
  - **When:** July 9-11
  - **Cost** - \$250 Per Couple
  - **Space is limited so get ready to register!**
  
- b. **We need your help!** There is always a huge response to the Altar Call on Good Friday and Easter and we would like to see new believers get a personal touch. Please **When Miles starts to pray, quietly come to the Altar Call area.** (Near the men's restroom). Put on a lanyard so we can identify you as a helper and not one who came forward.

Each 21-Jump Start book should have a Response Card and a flyer for the Foundation Class. Make sure the front and back of Response Card is filled out **legibly** before you turn it in to a leader. HIGHLY encourage them to attend the Foundation Class and give them a Small Group directory for their area. Try to help them as much as possible at the Altar.
  
- c. **Facilitator Reports** - Please submit a Facilitator Report each week. Feel free to delegate this to a responsible member of your group!

## 2. Memory Verse

**Zechariah 9:9** - "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. "

## 3. Discussion Questions

- 1) What did the donkey do to be used?
  - a. What does it mean to be available? When you think about being ready to serve God at any time or place, how should that change your thinking about each day?
  - b. Considering the previous question, what should be our response to disruptions?
  - c. What attributes did the donkey possess that we could strive to emulate? (Mark 11: 1)
  - d. Why do we desire to serve in positions of status? Is this still serving? What example did the donkey set?
  
- 2) Why is it significant that the donkey had never been ridden?
  
- 3) By being obedient, the donkey was able to experience the same blessing that Jesus did.
  - a. What does this tell you about your obedience to Jesus, and the outcome?
  - b. What is hindering you from total obedience? (Friends, pride, sin, fear of acceptance?)
  - c. Consider your life with these hindrances removed. What does it look like?
  
- 4) The donkey was created in this story for a specific purpose, to be ridden by Jesus into Jerusalem.
  - a. Do you know what your purpose is? If not, how can you find out? If you have never taken a Spiritual Gifts assessment, ask your Facilitator for a copy.



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- 5) This story does not say anything about the owner being concerned about his donkey being used.
  - a. What kind of example did the owner of the donkey show?
  - b. How are you with your possessions? Do you have things that are not available for use by others, or by God?
  - c. What if He asked you to offer the gifts that God has loaned you to serve Him?
  - d. What if God asked you to meet with Him tomorrow at 5:30 AM to talk?
  - e. What is the "what if" that God is pressing upon your heart?
  
- 6) Since Jesus will not leave us nor forsake us, He is with us always. (Hebrews 13:5)
  - a. Where are you bringing Him? Into light or darkness?
  - b. What are some verses that tell you He is always with you?
  - c. Now that you have evidence that He is always with you, how will your behavior change?
  - d. Will you allow your group to keep you accountable?