

## LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

### PALM SUNDAY

Matthew 21:1-11

Pastor George Clerie – March 29, 2015

Pastor George painted a life-inspiring picture of the Palm Sunday message. We learned that the anticipation of Jesus' arrival was so impactful that it was reflected in all four Gospels.

Palm Sunday was the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the last week before Jesus gave His life on the cross – His purposeful act of love that would change the world.

In essence, Palm Sunday represents God's fulfilled **Promise** of an **Arrival** of the King, a **Lamb** set apart to save us, our **Messiah!**

### MEMORY VERSES

*And the city has not need of sun and moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. Revelation 21:23*

### DISCUSSION STARTERS

Share a time when you attended an event that was the "talk of the town." How did you feel or what did you think about the event? How would that compare to Jesus entering Jerusalem at the during the Passover celebrations?

### STUDY QUESTIONS

1. God's promises come true; we can trust Him completely. God uses those promises to communicate something about Him. What do you believe or perceive God is communicating to you at the current place in your life?
2. There are thousands of promises in the Bible. We learned that God's promises explain and communicate the truth with a "Yes" and an "Amen" (2 Cor 1:20). What promise of God has been especially meaningful to you? Why?



3. The devil wants us in a cycle of guilt, shame and condemnation. God did not intend guilt to be part of our motivational system. Why do we at times hold on to guilt from our unrighteous actions or sin? Share what the promise in Romans 8:1-2 means to you.
4. Break into groups of 2 or 3. Share how the Lord can have more of His way with you. What do you have in your life that is hard to fully "let go of" and completely trust in Him?
5. Pastor George compared the Christian life as to a "Heavenly Bundle" package consisting of Salvation, Righteousness, and Fulfillment all for the price of faith. Share how you have experienced each aspect or where you can enjoy the full package.
6. Pontius Pilot and Jesus arrived in Jerusalem at the same time; Pontius Pilot ruled with a kingdom of fear and Jesus offered a kingdom of life. What are some characteristics of a life that would reflect the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of the world and culture?
7. Just as the multitude in Matthew 21:8 were excited and moved about the Messiah's arrival, describe how we continuously stay excited and anticipate Christ? Share your example. What impact might this have on our unsaved family members, friends and acquaintances?

## TAKE IT HOME!

1. Hebrew 7:25 says that Jesus is able to *"save to the utmost and ever lives to make intercession for us."* Reflect on this truth then pray for the three people that you are asking God for their salvation.
2. Remember to invite someone to an Easter Service at the Rock!!!

