

For Discussion —

1. What does "Hosanna" mean? Why did Luke choose not to use this word?
2. What do we learn from Psalm 118:25-26 about who the coming King will be?
3. Old Testament prophecy points to a Messiah King who will come, but this idea of a King or Messianic hero that comes to put things right, has been a part of the legendary stories of every culture for millennia? Why do you think that is?
4. C.S. Lewis says that--*my greatly edited paraphrase*--You can tell yourself you don't need a king, but you do. What point is he trying to make? Why is that so? How might our roots in Eden speak to this?
5. How does this idea of our needing a king factor into our need to "crown" something in our lives?
6. How is it that many of our problems come from the things we have "crowned" in our lives that end up oppressing us? What does that even mean?
7. Why would Jesus deliberately choose to ride into Jerusalem on a baby donkey? Talk about the paradox of Jesus "mighty works" (v.37) and his coming in weakness. How does Jesus coming into the city of Jerusalem in weakness prefigure the Cross and how he will save us?
8. While the crowd shouts cheers, Jesus is in _____? Why is Jesus weeping? How do Jesus tears as he looks ahead to the coming judgment of God on Jerusalem speak to our ability to trust him?
9. What does it mean that in this "triumphal entry" Jesus did not come to "bring judgment, but to bear judgment?"
10. Why is it not possible for Jesus to be your helper, comforter, counselor, and friend, but not be your King? Discuss how Matthew 28-30 speaks to this truth.
11. Are there areas in your life where you are saying, "I want to retain control over *this*, but Jesus I want your help with *that*?"
12. Close in prayer by focusing on Jesus as King. In your praise, thanks, confession, and your requests acknowledge him as your rightful King.

OR try this approach...

Have someone read Luke 19:28-44 and, then ask: From what you heard in Charlie's message or what we just read right here--*What are some of the "AHAs" you took away from what you learned?* ...When someone volunteers an "AHA" ...ask follow up questions to dig deeper and to keep the discussion going. Ask the group, "*Anyone else have this same "AHA"--what do you think about this insight?*" After you've exhausted topic. ...Throw the original question back out to the group--"*Who else had an "AHA?"* Repeat the pattern above. Follow up questions then get input from the group. ... If someone says, "*I didn't really have an "AHA," it's more that I don't understand*" Then go that direction. ...Ask follow up questions to help them clearly articulate the issue then ask the group for input. "*Anybody else think about that/struggle with that?" ..."So, how would you answer that question?"* Whoever answers--ask follow up questions, ask for input from the group on that answer (*What do you think about that?*), etc. It's been my (Charlie) experience that you can have a great discussion around this approach to community group conversations.