

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

*2018 Palm Sunday*

These questions are for the **March 25, 2018** sermon, "The King's Arrival." Please read the sermon passage (Zechariah 9:9-17) together out loud.

### SERMON OUTLINE

IN THIS MESSIANIC PROMISE OF JESUS CHRIST, NOTE . . .

1. Our King's personal advancement toward Jerusalem (9-10)
  - a. v. 9 speaks of Jesus' first coming
    - i. He comes in person, causing great rejoicing. (Some who rejoiced at his coming ultimately reject him. Not all celebrations are worship.)
    - ii. He comes as a king, announcing peace (signified by his arrival on a donkey)
    - iii. He comes to Jerusalem, setting up his permanent command center.
  - b. v. 10 speaks of Jesus' second coming
    - i. The full boundaries of the promised land (Zech 9:1-8) are yet to be established.
    - ii. All those who oppose Jesus will be cut-off.
    - iii. When you think of Christ's rule and reign, think really, globally, universally big!
2. Our King's global accomplishments through Jerusalem (11-17)
  - a. God's first covenant will bring forth the fullness of his second coming (11-13)
  - b. God will announce his presence with trumpets, and win the promised victory (14)
  - c. God's victory will be celebrated by all of his people (15-17)
    - i. His people will be protected
    - ii. His people will continually praise him for his goodness and beauty (Psalm 27:13)

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: When we consider Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, we see crowds rejoicing (Matthew 21, Mark 11). But not all celebrations of Jesus are actually worship of Jesus. How do you celebrate Jesus? How can you be sure that your celebrations of Jesus are indeed worship?
2. Based on #1, above: When we misunderstand what God is doing, our expectations of how it personally benefits us will be missed. We learned that a king on a donkey signifies peace (Jesus' first coming), but a king on a horse signifies conquering (Jesus' second coming). Jesus has already done enough to make peace between man and God. Discuss some of the wrong expectations that religious people have of God and Jesus Christ. Discuss right expectations.
3. Based on #2, above: The kingdom that God will reign over in Jesus Christ is vast. It includes people of every age. People from every tribe and tongue. And extends to every detail and motivation of every human heart. And it will be centered in Jerusalem. Discuss the day when you see him and you are freed from the presence of sin forever. How does that coming day motivate love and thanksgiving and "shining" (9:16) in your heart today?