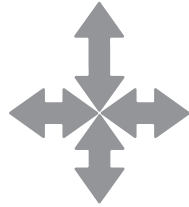




## GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of March 25

This study is designed to help your community group grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. There are three dimensions to following Jesus.



**UP:** Growing in relationship with God

**IN:** Growing in relationship with other followers of Jesus

**OUT:** Growing in relationship with the world around us as we join God in God's mission

### **GETTING STARTED (if you are a new Life Group, start your study here):**

What is one way this group and study have impacted you and your walk with Jesus over the past weeks?



**IN: Connect With Each Other**

What would you like to see happen next for this group?



**UP: Connect With God Through Spending Time in His Word**

Read together our passage for the week, Mark 11:1-11. Allow a few moments to silently reflect on what you heard. Read it one more time together. Pray for your study of God's Word.

1. What do you notice about our passage? What stands out to you? What questions do you have after reading the passage?
2. In our passage, how do the people respond to Jesus? What is the significance of their words and actions?
3. In our world today, what are some common thoughts or ideas concerning who Jesus is?
4. How have your views of Jesus changed through the years?
5. What does it mean that Jesus is King? (See Zechariah 9:9.) Jesus is a different sort of King, isn't He? What makes Jesus special?
6. As we enter into Holy Week, what are one or two ways you can draw near to Jesus this week?

Going Deeper:

7. What is a word, phrase or thought from today's passage or from our time together that God seems to be lifting up as significant for you? How does it speak to a current situation in your life? How is God inviting you to respond?



**OUT: Connect With the World Around Us (Join God in His Mission)**

Throughout our sermon series, we will look at questions to ask a skeptic or non-believer as a conversation starter. We raise these questions not to start an argument but to spur meaningful conversation.

What are some answers you have heard to this question: What makes Jesus special?

Think about those around you—friends, family, co-workers. How would they answer that question?

Try it out and ask someone this question this week. What do you notice when you raise that question? What do you learn from their response?