



# Grace Group Guide



**United Purpose:** Together we will designate time and place to deepening our desire for God, caring for and urging each other to action!

**United Actions: WL Groups...**

- Scripture:** Be in the Word together
- Encouragement:** One another each other
- Prayer:** With and for each other and the lost
- Accountability:** Now What? Put it into action!



## -Icebreaker-

- WITH Questions:
  - What is something you can do with others this week? What is an activity that you can intentionally include someone else in?
  - Who is someone you can share the gospel with this week?
- Have you ever ridden on any unusual animals?
  - **Transition:** On Palm Sunday, which we celebrate today, our Lord and Savior rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. This is not what many were expecting!

## -Discussion-

Read Matthew 21:1-17

- Jesus came into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. What is the significance of this?
  - Possible answers:
    - A fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9
    - Emphasizes Jesus' humility
      - We should be amazed and humbled by this too.
    - This marks a new stage in Jesus' public life/ministry. He is openly being called the messianic Son of David, and He is no longer telling people to be quiet about it.
- When Jesus arrives in Jerusalem, he cleanses the temple and heals many. What do these things tell us about Jesus?
  - Possible answers:
    - He is zealous for God's glory
      - Rather than being a "house of prayer" the merchants had made the temple a "den of robbers"
      - An example of righteous anger
    - He has the power to heal the sick, and he cares for them
    - He is worthy of our worship!

## -Reflection-

- Did anything stand out to you today as you read through this passage? If so, explain why.
- This is the beginning of a week that changed the world. As we remember what Christ did for us, we should examine our hearts and prepare for Sunday. How will you prepare your heart this week?
  - Some options:
    - Read the gospel accounts of this week
    - Pray, ask God to search your heart (Ps. 139:23-24), and praise God for what He's done for you in Christ
    - Listen to music that centers on Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection
    - Journal your thoughts throughout the week

**-Application-**

- Drawing from your answer to the above reflection question, commit to doing something this week to prepare your heart for Easter Sunday.
  - Whatever you choose, consider inviting someone else to do it with you!
- Next week, be prepared to tell your group about what you did and what you learned through it.

**-Pray-**

- Thank God for what he has done for us in Christ. Praise Him for His grace and mercy, sending His son to be the ultimate sacrifice for us.
- Ask the Lord to prepare your heart this week leading up to Sunday.