

Community Group Guide: The Triumphal Entry and the King's Humility

Read: Luke 19:28-44

1. **Expectations vs. Reality:** The crowds in Jerusalem expected a certain kind of king, but Jesus challenged those expectations by arriving in humility. When have you experienced tension between what you expected God to do and what He was actually doing in your life?
2. **The Image of the King:** In Luke 13, Jesus describes His heart for His people not as a "lion" or a conquering force, but as a "mother hen". What surprises you about this imagery, and what does it teach us about how God protects and loves us?
3. **The Heart of the King:** Why do you think Jesus responded to Jerusalem with tears and weeping rather than condemnation? What does this reveal about His desire for those who are currently "unwilling" to come under His care?
4. **Internal vs. External Needs:** While the crowds wanted freedom from external political power (Rome), Jesus came to provide internal freedom from sin. Why do we often focus on our immediate, external concerns rather than the deeper work God might be trying to address in our hearts?
5. **The Gift of Patience:** In the parable of the fig tree (Luke 13:6-9), Jesus highlights God's patience and grace through the gift of more time. How does knowing that Jesus will eventually return in power and glory shape the way you view the "patience and grace" He is offering you today?

Application

Surrender and Step: Where is Jesus calling you to stop resisting and instead "come under His wings" by surrendering control to Him as King? What is **one specific step** of surrender or trust you will take this week to align your heart with His purposes?