Sermon-based Growth Group Questions "The Arrival of the King" Matthew 21:1-10 March 24, 2024

Introductory Discussion: What from the sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or challenging?

- 1. According to Samuel, what are the problems of having a king?
- 2. Who were the people rejecting when they insisted on having a king?
 - a. When you take control of your own life, what are we saying to God?
- 3. What is wrong with expecting that God's purpose to help you with your life?
- 4. What was Jesus's purpose when He came the first time?
 - a. When he comes again, what will his purpose be?
 - b. How does knowing the purpose of the second coming help us live today?
- 5. What does riding in on a donkey tell us about what kind of king he will be?
- 6. Did Jesus bring peace by coming in power and being in control?
 - a. What does that tell us about the true path to fulfilling God's purpose?
 - b. How can we be confident that relinquishing control will bring success?
- 7. When things don't go our way, we may be tempted to think God has failed. What do we need to know about God and his plans to be able to know what success is?
 - a. How can we learn what God's purpose is, so that we know when it has succeeded?

- 8. Is Jesus your king, or is he more of a servant?
 - a. Why is it a good idea to let Jesus have control?