



1. Have you ever been involved in a natural disaster? If so, what was that like?
2. Have you ever been in a life situation that you would consider a disaster (or, maybe you're in one today)? If so, what was/is that like?

### **Your King...**

1. From today's message, consider: 1) What was going on in Zechariah's day; and 2) how God's people understood his prophecy as Jesus entered Jerusalem.
2. What might it have been like to experience the discouragement of both time periods? How might Zechariah's prophecy be of encouragement?
3. Clearly the majority of those welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem missed the reality of how God was fulfilling His prophecy (note why the people added the words "...even the king of Israel" [John 12:13] to Psalm 118:26). It is crucial that we not miss the reality that Jesus, who is the King, is entering into Jerusalem. Read and consider how the following passages describe Jesus:
  - Colossians 1:16,17:
  - 1 Timothy 6:15,16:
4. Seeing Jesus as coming to deal with the issues of our lives only as we think God ought to deal with the issues of our lives is to miss out on the vast possibilities of what God may desire to do in and through us. Conversely, as we are able to see Jesus for Who He is we begin to understand how greatly God loves us and desires to work in our lives. These days, how might you be seeing Jesus as less than He is? How might you be limiting God's work in your life? What might you do to expand your understanding / perspective of Who Jesus really is?

### **Your King has come to you!**

1. From today's message there are at least two perspectives of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. 1) How was the crowd understanding the significance of Jesus riding a donkey? 2) What do you think was Jesus' purpose in riding a donkey?
2. Read and consider how Philippians 2:5-8 describes Jesus' attitude, what He did, and why.
3. These days, what does it mean to you personally that Jesus has come?
4. What is God's promise in Isaiah 26:3? What does it mean to keep our thoughts fixed on God?
5. What from today's study might help you to keep focused on God? Put another way, what from today's study might you want to keep mulling in / meditating on as you go through your week?

### **Extra Credit Homework**

During the coming week God will probably lead you into opportunities to share the significance of Jesus' coming with those who do not know Him and are living in personal disasters without His hope and peace. Perhaps there are people you could think of right now who would benefit from hearing what's been studied today. Discuss as a group how you might enter into these opportunities. In other words, brainstorm so that you will be prepared when God gives you the opportunity. Who will you share with this week?