

# The Beautiful Celebration

*Palm Sunday*

## **Life Group Questions (Palm Sunday 2023 - John 12:12-26)**

1. Read John 12:12-26 together. Think about Sunday's message. What stood out to you from what Pastor Andrew said? What questions came to mind?
2. Talk about some of your favourite stories. Do they include heroes, good vs. evil, or sacrifice? Why do these stories resonate so much with us?
3. In verses 12-15 we see the excitement of the crowds and Jesus' interaction with them. Read Psalm 118:25-26 and Zechariah 9:9 to understand the Old Testament connections to this event. Why is it significant that Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey? Were the crowds thinking correctly about him as the Messiah? Why or why not?
4. Talk about the upside down nature of the kingdom of God. If someone asked you to define "God's kingdom" how would you? What are examples from scripture of why God's kingdom is so different from other kingdoms?
5. Talk about moments when you didn't understand what God was doing. Did you get clarity after the fact? Is it comforting knowing that God does have a plan even when we might misinterpret it?