Part 1: Palm Sunday - Turning The Tables
Easter weekend is a reminder of the incredibly vast and universal scope of the grace of God. In fact, God's forgiveness is scandalous and even risky. Holy Week invites us to ponder what it means to follow Jesus as we approach that kind of invitation. And it might not look like you might expect.

Ice Breaker
Do you have any traditions at Easter? What are some things that you look forward to during Easter weekend?

Discussion Questions
1. Read Mark 11:11-21.
   What are some key observations you have about the text?

2. Look up the quotations from Isaiah 56:7-8 and Jeremiah 7:1-10. Contrast what the temple was supposed to be all about and what Jesus found to be happening there. What do they tell you about why Jesus was doing what he was doing? What do these passages tell us about why Jesus was upset with what was happening in the temple?

3. On Sunday, Dave said that "grace gives us the power to change our lives, not an excuse not to." Discuss what you think of this quote. Have you seen that happen in your own life or the life of the church in general? What are some ways that people tend to hide behind Christianity/religion/faith as an excuse not to change?

4. As we head into Easter weekend, what are some ways that we can prepare ourselves to worship and receive the message of grace and forgiveness? Are there areas of your life that you need to confess and address?

Moving Forward
Spend time praying for one another and for this Easter weekend. Pray that God would do a work in us, and that people who don't yet know Jesus might come and be impacted by the powerful story of Jesus, the cross, and resurrection.