

**Apply It:**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21. Jesus entered Jerusalem with a heart for reconciliation. How has this ministry of reconciliation impacted your life?
  
2. Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem was a moment of hope for God's people. What reasons do you have to hope in God today? List them out below, & thank God for your hope with your group.

Next Week: John 10:22-39, Feast of Dedication

**Prayer Requests:**

**Abundant Life**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

## Growth Group Homework

For the week of 10/13/2019

**Talk About It:**

- 1) Was there any part of Sunday's message that jumped out to you as being especially surprising, confusing, interesting, or encouraging?
  
- 2) Gabe taught on a passage that is usually studied leading up to Easter. Take a few minutes to share your favorite Easter memory with your group.
  
- 3) **Read Hebrews 11:1.** What is the relationship between faith & hope? How was hope evident in the response of the crowds in the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem?
  
- 4) Think of a time in your life when you had a lot of hope. What made this season of your life stand out, and do you think hope is something we can choose to have? Why or why not?

## **Sunday's Sermon:**

*Revealed*, Matthew 21:1-11

For the past several weeks, we have been following Jesus on His final trek to Jerusalem. This was far more than a Jewish pilgrimage for the Passover celebration; Jesus was going to the cross, where He would offer Himself up in substitutionary atonement. This week, we looked at the end of Jesus' journey from Galilee, and the beginning of His final week in Jerusalem.

1. Read v.2-3. Up until now, Jesus has always asked others to keep His divine identity a secret. Why do you think He chooses to lift that veil of secrecy at this time and in this way?
2. Compare v.8-9 with Psalm 118:25-26.
3. Read v.10-11. What do you make of this interaction between those in Jerusalem and the predominantly Galilean crowd in these verses? Do you see a hint of what is to come here? Why or why not?

## **Study It:**

In studying the Triumphal Entry, I was reminded of another time when God entered Jerusalem (or the City of David, which was right next to it). This story takes place after the ark of the covenant has been kept away from Jerusalem for quite some time. First, it was captured by the Philistines after the Israelites carelessly carried it with them into battle. It was eventually returned (see 1 Sam. 4-6), but kept at some distance until David decided to bring it back home. Let's study this fun passage together.

4. **Read 2 Samuel 6:12-23.** Write down some of your initial observations & thoughts from this passage. Note the context in 2 Samuel and the main characters in the passage. What key words, phrases, or verses jumped out to you?
5. How does God reveal Himself in this story, and how would you describe David's relationship with God based on what we read in this story?
6. Look at v.12-19 again. What jumps out to you about David's actions in this story? Why do you think he is so excited, and do you believe he is justified in this display? Explain.
7. What similarities do you see between this passage and the actions of the crowd during Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem? What noteworthy differences do you see?
8. Why do you think Michal, Saul's daughter & David's wife, was so displeased with David's actions? What, if anything, does this reveal about her heart toward God?
9. Look at v.20-23 again. What does David's response to his wife show us about his relationship with God? Does he appear to understand who God is, based on his words & actions? Explain.