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When you experience something that changes everything, you can't help but share it. As Jesus journeyed toward the cross and the tomb, different people along the way were invited to come and see. As his journey progressed, it became less clear what God was doing in the moment, but more clear to us today—clear that the invitation to come and see isn't just a physical one, it's a spiritual one. It's an invitation of forgiveness, hope, and freedom. It wasn't just news for a moment, but good news for all humanity. Good news for you, and it's definitely worth sharing.

Scripture: Mark 11:1-9 NLT; Zechariah 9:9 NLT; 2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

**Bottom Line:** Jesus sees you even when no one else does. He knows all there is to know about you. And still he loves you, wants a relationship with you, and has a plan and purpose for your life.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Have you ever felt like you've made a mistake too big for God to forgive? How did this impact you?
- 2. Read Mark 11:1-9 together. When you heard Joseph unpack the story of the donkey, what were your initial thoughts?
- 3. Considering the metaphor of being tied to a post like the donkey, what are some common obstacles that prevent us from fully embracing God's plan for our lives?
- 4. Can you share a personal experience when you felt held back from embracing God's plan for your life?
- 5. Read <u>Psalm 139:1-4</u> and <u>Isaiah 41:10</u>. These verses remind us that God sees us and knows us. In spite of this truth, why do we often feel like we are alone?
- 6. Reflect on your readiness to open your heart to Jesus and surrender to his plan for your life. What steps can you take to embrace this surrender? How does knowing that Jesus is for you inspire confidence and hope in the process of surrender?
- 7. Joseph made the comment that when we surrender our lives to Jesus, he becomes the centre of attention (just as he was at the centre of the procession). What would this look like in your life?

## **Moving Forward:**

This week, take time to think about what might be holding you back from experiencing all that God has in store for you. Share this with your group members so they can be praying for you as you lean into his plan for your life.