

## TALK IT OVER

### PALM SUNDAY- VICTORY OVER SIN

#### ICEBREAKER (Start Talking)

What is your favorite memory of being celebrated?

#### READ (Start Sharing)

Read **Zechariah 9:9\***. Jesus riding a donkey into Jerusalem fulfills this prophesy but also symbolizes his mission on Earth. A donkey was considered a beast of burden as you would place all your heavy items on them. So too Christ came for us to place our burdens on him to be forgiven and find peace.

**Discuss how Christ has helped you to carry your burdens?**

#### READ (Start Sharing)

Christ is King! As Jesus rode in, believers threw their cloaks down in front of him as a sign of obedience to his authority. Cloaks can easily conceal things you do not want others to see. Read **John 15:22\*\***. Christ came to Jerusalem to reveal and fulfill. **What is something you can confess / give to God as a sign of your obedience to His authority in your life?**

#### READ (Start Sharing)

Palms branches are an ancient symbol of victory. While the Jews of the time were celebrating the victory of their messiah's return, we would soon learn that the real victory was over sin and death. Read **1 Corinthians 15:57\*\*\***.

**How has Christ's victory on the cross given you strength to overcome your temptations and weaknesses?**

#### WHAT WILL YOU DO (Start Doing)

**Prepare yourself for the celebration of resurrection and forgiveness by drawing closer to God. Lean on his strength as you invite others to Easter services so they may experience the blessings of Jesus' work on the cross.**

**PRAYER (Start Praying)** Father God, take my burdens, forgive my sins and give me victory over my problems. Stir in the hearts of those I invite to say yes to my invitation to attend our Easter Services. In Jesus name, amen.

## READ GOD'S WORD DAILY using S.O.A.P.

#### Day 1:

*Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

*Matthew 11:29 (NASB95)*

#### Day 2:

*Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

*\*Zechariah 9:9 (TLB)*

#### Day 3:

*If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin.*

*\*\*John 15:22 (KJV)*

#### Day 4:

*but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*\*\*\*1 Corinthians 15:57 (NLT)*

#### Day 5:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

*Hebrews 12:1 (ESV)*

# TIPS FOR ONLINE SMALL GROUP

- 1. HOSTING A SMALL GROUP MEETING ON ZOOM.** If you are interested in hosting a small group on zoom through New Hope Windward, let us know. Our small group team will help you get started. Zoom training is available.
- 2. EMAIL INVITE.** Ensure to send out a calendar invite with the meeting details and how to connect to the meeting platform on zoom.
- 3. REMINDER DURING THE WEEK.** Keep everyone in your group connected by sending a reminder during the week of your upcoming small group meeting.
- 4. START ON TIME & STICK TO YOUR TIME SCHEDULE.** For your scheduled meetings, it's recommended to get started within 5 minutes of your scheduled start time. Most small group meetings are held for about 60 minutes.
- 5. ZOOM'S BEST PRACTICE.** Familiarize yourself with the Zoom features on your electronic device. It is helpful for everyone to know where the mute button is located. Ask the attendees to self-mute to avoid environmental noise when someone else is talking & sharing. Doing this will help with the flow of your SG discussion time.
- 6. DOWNLOAD ZOOM APP.** In order to participate in the Online Small Group, download the Zoom App from your iPhone or Android. You may also download the Zoom App from your laptop PC or iPad device.

# TIPS TO IN-PERSON GROUP

- 1. START & FINISH ON TIME.** Doing this will show your small group you value their time.
- 2. BE COMFORTABLE WITH SILENCE.** Uncomfortable silences are bound to happen. It's okay! A long pause during a group discussion can be powerful. A *pause* gives space for quieter people to break into the conversation; silence allows people to figure out exactly what they would like to say.
- 3. CONFIDENTIALITY IS IMPORTANT.** Confidentiality is the key to building trust in relationships. Here are a few mottos to remember to be confidential: "What is said in small group, stays in small group." **Nothing, nobody, never...** *"Share nothing, to nobody, never"* outside of the group.
- 4. MAKE GROUP A PRIORITY.** Communicate in advance when you will be unable to attend by either calling and/or texting your host or responding to the zoom email invitation by accepting or declining. This will help your host to plan accordingly especially if it is an in person small group gathering.
- 5. AVOID TALKING or TEACHING TOO MUCH.** Small groups are designed for everyone to share and grow together.
- 6. ASK FOR HELP.** The Small Group Ministry is here to help. Email [smallgroups@nhww.org](mailto:smallgroups@nhww.org) to ask any questions, request training or other assistance for your Small Group.