

War Effort - Peace

April 8-9, 2017

Community:

1. Think about the most unexpected plot twist you have seen in a movie or tv show. What made the plot twist so dynamic?
2. Share a memorable, unexpected moment in your life. What made that moment unexpected, and how did your life change after that?

Core:

1. **Read Matthew 21:1-11.** What makes Jesus' entrance *unique* or *unexpected*? Why do you think Jesus chose to enter this way?
2. Scott talked about how the word *hosanna* means, "*Lord save us.*" In light of that, what do you think the people were wanting or expecting Jesus to *save* them from? What did He actually come to save them from?
3. Is there an area of your life that you're wanting or expecting Jesus to save (or deliver) you from? What is it and why do you need Jesus to do this?
4. Scott talked about Jesus' tendency to move in and disrupt our lives. Have you ever experienced Jesus disrupting your life? If so, what did that look like and how did it change where your life was headed? Is Jesus disrupting your life right now? If so, how?
5. **Read Matthew 21:12-13.** Why do you think Jesus stopped at the temple as His first order of business after His big entrance? What does Jesus' disruption in the temple reveal to us about His actual mission and purpose? How was that different from what the people thought He came to do?
6. Scott talked about how Jesus' primary concern wasn't with what was happening on the outside, but what was internal—focusing on *turning tables* in the hearts of His people. What *tables* does Jesus need to turn over in your heart right now?
7. If you were to ask God what He wanted to do in you today, what do you think He would say?

Challenge:

Read Romans 8:28 and Romans 8:31-39. Try to apply these truths to your current circumstances. Think about what God wants to do *IN* you right now as opposed to everything going on outside. Try reading these passages each day this week—reminding yourself of who you are to God and who He is—in light of what you're facing. Pray for peace and for God to help you to put aside everything that's going on *outside* of you and ask Him what He wants to do *in* you instead.