



Small Group Discussion Guide

March 25, 2018

Sermon Title:

“The Unexpected”

Sermon Text: John 12:12-19

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:5-7

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group’s discussion.*

Getting Started: What are some of the unexpected things that have happened in your life? Good? Not so good?

Discussion:

- 1. Jesus comes at unexpected times** (v 12). It is said, “Timing is everything.” What was unexpected about Jesus’ timing in this passage? What was rather normal about it? How do we exclude or include Jesus based on timing?
- 2. Jesus comes to unexpected places** (v 13). Where would you have expected Jesus to be encountered? Today, where do people “expect” to meet Jesus? Alternately, where can he be found?
- 3. Jesus comes in unexpected ways** (vs 14-15). A conquering victor would have ridden into town on a great steed. Jesus chose to ride on a donkey. Why choose such an unexpected manner? How does Jesus engage us in unexpected ways?
- 4. Jesus comes with unexpected lessons** (v 16). The disciples did not understand all that was happening at first. The importance of the moment only came to them later. How does distance and perspective help you learn faith lessons? Are you looking back over your life’s experiences to uncover more lessons.

Closing: *Close by sharing prayer requests.
Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared.*

Have a blessed Holy Week. GO SHARE JESUS!