

Big Idea

When Jesus approached his final week, before going to the cross, he borrowed a donkey to carry him into the city. In the same way, God wants to use us in the middle of this crisis, to carry Jesus into every conversation and situation that we encounter. God **reached me** so that God could **reach through** me.

How do we do this?

- 1. **Pray.** People need an encounter with the living God, not just another church service. Prayer works.
- 2. Bring. Bring people to church with you (digitally). Invite them!! Leverage your influence for the Kingdom of God!
- 3. **Celebrate.** Get excited about what God has done on the inside of you! Think about what the Lord can do in other people's lives!

Do you feel like the donkey? Every day, being tied up, people walking past you and you are invisible to them. Then, one day, two disciples come and untie you because the Master needs you.

The truth is that the Master needs you. Just like you are, just as you are. Not only did he create that donkey with a purpose to carry Jesus on that day, but He created you with a purpose and on purpose. So that you would share with others the hope and life that you have found in Jesus. We can all be carriers of Jesus.

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it? 'say, 'The Lord needs it.'" Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Luke 19:28-38 (NIV)

Discussion Questions

- 1. Talk about a time when you have felt like the donkey; tied up, unseen, or unable to be used by God? How did you find freedom from not feeling worthy or seen by God?
- 2. During this time, have you been a carrier of doubt, fear and unbelief or a carrier of hope and encouragement?
- 3. Give an example of how God has used you to encourage someone during the past few weeks of sheltering in.
- 4. What is an example of how you can share your faith as we are sheltering in?
- 5. Who are you planning to invite to attend Easter online with you?

Next Steps

- How can we pray for you this week? Write down each person's prayer requests and make it a point to pray for them and text them with an encouraging word at some point during the week.
- Remember prayer isn't about God moving towards us, prayer is about us moving towards God.

Prayer Focus

- Pray for courage to step out and share our faith during this time.
- Pray Life Fellowship will see 400+ souls surrender to Jesus this Easter.
- Pray for God to stop the spread of the coronavirus.