

OPENING PRAYER**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 21:6-11 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest!” When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

SUGGESTED ICEBREAKER

Have you ever attended a parade? Which one did you enjoy the most?

THEME

Intimacy is knowing the One we cheer.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

As we look at Matthew 21:6-11 we notice 4 types of people in the crowd:

- Those who opposed Jesus.
- Those who wanted to know who Jesus was.
- Those who thought they knew who Jesus was.
- Those who knew Jesus.

1. *If you were in the crowd that day, how do you think you would have reacted? Do you tend to be vocal or reserved?*

2. *Which of the 4 groups do you think was the most vocal? Why?*

Think about Worship:

- I'm not cheering God for who I think He is.
- I'm not praising God for who I hope to make Him into.
- I'm not worshipping God for what I know about Him.

Rather: I'm worshipping the God I know!

Remember the example of cheering for Ricky Proehl.

3. *How do you react at an event when your child or family member is involved as opposed to an event where you don't know the participants? Do you react differently at either? Why?*

Look back at the comment about worship: I'm worshiping the God I know!

4. *Have you ever looked at worship this way before? What impact might this have on how you worship?*

SUGGESTED CLOSING

Father God, may your Holy Spirit grow in us a greater desire to pursue intimacy with you.