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Luke 19:28-40 – Application Questions

1. Jesus sent some of his disciples into Jerusalem to find a colt in order to prepare for his arrival. **How can we prepare for Jesus' arrival in our worship services and small groups?**
2. As Jesus drew close to Jerusalem, some of the crowds laid their coats on the road for his colt that he rode to step on. It was like rolling out the red carpet. **What do you think these people thought Jesus was going to do for them? Why was he so popular?**
3. In verse 38, it says a "whole crowd of disciples" began to praise God because of Jesus. Some of the religious leaders tried to stop their spontaneous worship. **Why are we sometimes resistant to new styles or songs of worship?**
4. **Why are we sometimes resistant to older styles or songs of worship?**
5. **Do you think Jesus cares about the style of worship?**
6. Verse 41 begins to show us quite a contrast. The crowds are worshipping, and yet Jesus is weeping. The crowds are overjoyed at his arrival. But when Jesus looks at the city of Jerusalem, he weeps. **Do you think we ever leave a worship service thinking it was wonderful, yet at the same time Jesus is brokenhearted over it? We'd love to hear your thoughts.**
7. Jesus saw difficult days ahead for the people of Jerusalem where their enemies would kill and starve them to death. Jesus said this is because "you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you." **But aren't they celebrating God's arrival in Jerusalem by celebrating King Jesus? How can they be worshipping Jesus but still miss Jesus entirely?**
8. **How come some people can leave a worship service thinking, "Wow! The presence of Jesus was powerful today" – while another person can leave the same service and think, "I thought the service today would never end. How boring!"?**
9. **How can we be sure that we don't miss Jesus when he is near us?**
10. In verse 45 Jesus kicks some people out of church. **Is that allowed? I thought Jesus wants everybody to be in church?** (By the way, the people Jesus kicks out of the church weren't the 'outsiders' or 'non-religious' people. Jesus kicks 'church people' out of the church).
11. In verse 46 Jesus says, "My house will be a house of prayer." **What can we each do to make Jesus' church become more of a place of prayer?**
12. Let's be honest. Prayer doesn't sound that exciting for many of us. And praying consistently is often a struggle. **Let's have a moment of confession. Raise your hand if (much of the time) you really DON'T want to pray?** (You'd rather watch Netflix, catch up with friends on Facebook or play a video game instead).
13. **Why is prayer harder than it looks?**
14. **What is the purpose of prayer?**
15. **What's one spiritual need you have that we can pray for you about?**