



# Songs and Scenes of Easter

## Small Group Discussion Guide

### **Palm Sunday and Easter**

**Mar. 15-16, 22-23, 2008**

*“For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”* - Mark 10:45

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. Read Mark 11:7-10. Why is the Triumphal Entry important? How does it set the stage for the last week of Jesus’ life?
2. Read Mark 11:15-17. What is the significance of this story for the church today?
3. At the Last Supper Jesus established the practice of Communion. Discuss the symbolism of his body and blood.
4. Just as the Philistines filled the wells of Abraham (Gen 26:15), there are things stopping God’s living water from flowing into us. What is currently blocking the work of God in your life?
5. Mark 15:39 tells us that when the centurion “saw how he died, he said, ‘Surely this man was the Son of God!’” What is significant about how Christ died? What impact should this have on our faith?
6. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he said, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” (Acts 1:8). What does this mean? What does this power look like in the life of a believer?
7. Take a few minutes to read Isaiah 53. Think about the fact that Jesus gave his life for you. Share some of your thoughts and feelings brought on by this passage.

#### **The Big Idea**

The essence of Christianity is a person, not a creed. It’s not so much about believing the right things, as it is about trusting the right person. Jesus accomplished many things throughout his ministry. He taught the masses, healed many people, exorcised demons, and performed miracles. But his ultimate purpose in coming carries greater significance. He came to die, so that we may have life. This was God’s plan all along (Luke 24:25-27). No one expected a suffering Savior, but that’s exactly what Jesus came to be. We have been transformed through his blood! This is the “good news” we ought to share with everyone.