



## LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of March 30, 2026

1. Can you name something that you learned only recently? What did you not know or understand correctly, and what was the real truth, insight, or fact that you discovered? Discuss your answers among the group.

**For instance: *The Great Wall of China is NOT visible from space with the naked eye.***

2. Read John 12:12-19. How would you summarize this section of Scripture in your own words? On a scale of 1-10, (with 1 being the worst) how would you rate the “understanding” of the cheering crowd to discern Jesus’ true identity and mission? Discuss your answer.
3. Was it accidental or random chance that Jesus rode on a donkey? (read Zechariah 9:9) Whose idea was it according to Matthew 21:1-3? Why ride a donkey instead of a magnificent war horse?
4. Which secular empire was ruling Israel during this era? Why would the people of Israel be so interested in a political deliverer or a military ruler? What was the real reason for Jesus’ coming? (see Luke 19:10 and John 3:16-17).
5. What was the previous miracle Jesus performed in John 11 that made the crowds so excited and energized? As Jesus entered the city, were they more excited about earthly glory or an eternal kingdom? What were the twelve disciples thinking about? (read Mark 10:35-40 and Acts 1:6-8)
6. This was an event filled with many MISUNDERSTANDINGS and MISPLACED EXPECTATIONS. How is Jesus still being misunderstood today? Why would people conclude that Jesus is....

*... a good teacher?*

*... a moral authority?*

*... a kind person?*

*... a social revolutionary?*

*... an encouraging life coach?*

If someone asked you to explain who Jesus really is and why He came to earth, what would you say? What Scripture would you share to support your answer?

7. If so many people are still misunderstanding Jesus’ identity, ministry, and mission— how does that intersect with your Great Commission assignment? How are you an “agent of understanding” today? Use Romans 10:14-15 as part of your answer.

*You can celebrate Jesus and still not understand who He really is.*