



THE PSALMS



Experiencing God through the songs of his people.

Hosanna (Psalm 118) *HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE*

Parades have long been used as celebrations of great achievements. In American history, the greatest parades focused on people such as pilot Charles Lindbergh, the Apollo 11 astronauts, and war heroes. These celebrations were marked by ticker-tape showers and adoring crowds lining the streets of a major city as bands and celebrities passed in review. The greatest parade of all time was quite different. It happened in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago. It was a simple one-man donkey ride. Instead of ticker tape, the way was lined with garments and palm branches.

The covenant faithfulness of the Lord is demonstrated as he continues love in spite of mankind's rejection of Him. In this psalm, humanity's need for God is outlined and then highlighted by the cry of "Save us!" This phrase in Hebrew is translated to be the word "Hosanna!" This is humanity's cry for salvation. In the enduring love of the Lord he delivers salvation through Jesus.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Jesus had great trust in the Father during His trial of suffering and pain. Share a story about a time where you had to trust someone, and they proved themselves trustworthy.

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Please read aloud Psalm 118.

Pastor Jason said, "**Jesus' example is our guide to facing trials.**" What attitude of Jesus do you admire as you recall how he handled being betrayed, abandoned, humiliated and crucified?

VS 1-4 - Jesus walked through his trial trusting in God's love. How has God revealed His unconditional love to you recently?

VS 5-12 - Jesus walked through his trial trusting in God's deliverance. Share a story about a time when you feel God delivered you from a difficult situation. Is there a difficult situation you are currently facing that you need God's deliverance?

VS 13-18 - Jesus walked through his trial trusting in God's refinement. How do you feel God is refining you through this season of the corona virus? What is He teaching you?

MAKING IT REAL

VS 13-18 - Jesus walked through his trial trusting in God's plan. Sometimes it is difficult to understand what God is doing. The truth of the Gospel is that God is great, so we don't have to be in control. What area of your life are you trying to control and how can you let go and trust in God's plan?