

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND

SMALL GROUP NOTES - Sharing Christ through friendship

w/b 29 March 2015 – **Palm Sunday**

Readings – Mark 11.1 – 11; Psalm 118. 1 -2 & 19 - end

Welcome/ icebreaker	Share a recent event or experience which has affected your understanding of God or his will for your life.
Worship	Suggestions for songs: SoF 480 Rejoice 485 Ride on, ride on in majesty 627 You are the King of Glory
Word Psalm 118 Mark 1. 1 - 11	<p>The four gospels have varying accounts of events leading up to the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem People who were with Jesus and those who welcomed him would have had various experiences of his ministry and expectations of him as he entered Jerusalem, including –</p> <p>Jesus forecasts his death and resurrection to his disciples.</p> <p>Jesus performed miracles. He Restored the sight of two blind man.</p> <p>James and John were challenged about their understanding of God’s priorities when they asked to sit at Jesus his right hand when he came into his kingdom.</p> <p>Zacchaeus the tax collector was converted.</p> <p>Some had heard the parable about the need to use gifts wisely and profitably.</p> <p>Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.</p> <p>Mary anoints Jesus with perfume.</p> <p>Jesus moved to tears by the sight of the city of Jerusalem.</p>
Discussion	<p>Q1. Consider and discuss the possible expectations of Jesus by people (including the disciples) experiencing any or some of the above events</p> <p>Q2. In what way have your experiences coloured your understanding of Jesus and the influence on your thinking and expectations?</p>
Witness/ Group life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Pray for your mission link and others whom God brings to mind today➤ Consider inviting friends/ family who aren’t yet Christians to a get-together over Easter (NB Easter Day <i>refresh</i> service with communion at 10.30am)➤ Pray for the opportunity to witness about Jesus over the Easter period