



## Sermon-based small groups connect the week to the weekend!

Dig deeper into the talk each week, while getting connected, cared for and known. Challenge yourself to see how the message actually makes sense and applies to your everyday life and do it with people just like you to support you on your journey.

**Message Info:** The Tipping Point, 4/2/23 - "A critical point in a situation, beyond which a significant and unstoppable effect or change takes place." One experience can change the direction of our lives. But sometimes that tipping point eludes us. It's frustrating when hope never becomes a reality. In this talk, we're taking an honest look at the ultimate tipping point. (*Passages: John 12:12-19, Luke 19:39-44, Matthew 21:1-5*)

**Discussion Questions:** Take your time and dig into these questions.

What steps have you taken in hope? Did the outcome live up to your expectations? Was there an outcome, or are you still taking steps? What seems to continuously mount without real change?

Read John 12:12-19. What stands out to you in this passage? Why?

The triumphal entry is the tipping point in God's redemptive story for us; in His plan to offer hope and salvation. Impressive knowledge, memorization of scripture, emotional experiences, or devotion to religion are not tipping points. We can walk away from those things. But we can't walk away from Jesus. He is the tipping point for your soul. How is Jesus different than religion? How did He differ from the pharisees? What misconceptions did the people have about how Jesus would save them? Can you relate?

We jump from broken system to broken system seeking logical solutions. But Jesus is better than any answer we can come up with. He didn't come to replace a broken system or government. He came to free our souls and mend hearts. To meet needs and give greater hope. Despite all your good efforts, does it still feel like something is missing?

Read Luke 19:39-44. What stands out to you about this passage? What is Jesus saying?

Jesus prophesies over the city of Jersulam. He knew the pain that His people would have to walk through, and He was heartbroken to think they would miss the moment of His visitation. They came face to face with hope and abundant life, but they didn't recognize it. God is not keeping any secrets; He wants to share His plan and His heart with us. How can we ensure that we won't miss Jesus? What has your focus been?

Group Challenge: Invite a friend to an Easter service at Grace.

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