## <u>April 13/25 "Palm Sunday" – Matt 21:1-17</u> (Small Group Questions)

- 1. Our world is going through some turbulent times. How might this help us identify with the crowds welcoming Jesus on Palm Sunday?
- 2. What are some of the signs that Jesus fulfills that show he's the Messiah?
- 3. Why did Jesus defend the children who were praising him in the Temple?
- 4. "The ways of the kingdoms of this world do not make for a lasting peace." What are some of the ways of the kingdoms of this world? How do they contrast with the way of the kingdom of God?
- 5. Do you find yourselves on the ways of the kingdom of this world these days, in the face of everything that is heartbreaking in the world? How do we choose the way of the kingdom of God instead?
- 6. As time permits, spend some time reflecting on St Francis' Prayer and how it can apply in our world today and in your own life.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.