

# VOICES

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Every year, we invite others from outside of Doxa to speak to our church. This year, we are excited to once again learn from a diverse group of voices from across America.

### **Hunter Beaumont: Being, Not Doing**

Read the text: Mark 11:1-19 (1-11 included below)

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Jesus entered into a world where most people had lost sight of the main thing. In a Temple that was supposed to be about encountering God's presence and blessing the nations, most had grown caught up in focusing on ethnic disputes, theological arguments, and financial success. Into this world, Jesus came and drew all the attention to Himself. He intentionally creates a spectacle, entering the city like a conquering king. Yet, as He draws the focus to Himself, He reveals His power, His humility, His justice, and His heart. He is likewise inviting us to put our attention on Him.

### **Discussion Questions:**

*These questions are written for DNA groups, but you can use them in any setting, including missional communities. Because they were written for the intimacy of DNA friendships, you may need to adjust for larger groups.*

1. What are some of the things that have distracted you from Jesus this year? (Hint: it's not always "bad" things. We can also be distracted by ministry, "theology," politics, people, etc.)
2. How clearly do you see Jesus right now? The less clear, the more our picture of Jesus will be more like the world than like the Jesus revealed in Scripture. How do you know if you have a clear, Scripture-shaped picture of Jesus or a world-influenced caricature of Him?
3. How do you think Jesus views you when you are distracted?
4. How do you tangibly seek to refocus on Jesus? How can you look at Him this week? What will you do?