Mixtape The soundtrack of your life Discussion Notes

CONNECT TO ONE ANOTHER

How does a "green day" of spring affect your mood?

Have you ever attended an event (e.g., concert, political rally, worship, etc.) that would be described as "jubilant"? What sort of event was it and how long did your feelings last after it was over?

If you were to make a mixtape, what one song would most sum up your life right now?

CONNECT TO GOD

We're reminded in the message that we see Jesus's enemies everywhere – including when we look in a mirror. How does knowing that Jesus's death was a result of your sin affect your relationship with Him? Do you think He holds you accountable for His death?

Holy Week begins with Jesus entering Jerusalem to a hero's parade and by Friday He is crucified as a common criminal. How does this fall from favor reflect the upside-down values (i.e., there is strength in humility, a win comes from loss) of His Kingdom?

Pastor Schlie reminds us that nothing we do can save us from sin and death. Without Jesus, we are nothing. How does this reliance on our Savior give you strength? Have you ever had times in your life when you felt you didn't need Jesus? What did He do to bring you back to Him?

MESSAGE APPLICATION

Our pride can often blind us to the work that Jesus does through us. Like the donkey in the story Pastor Schlie recounts, we can get caught up in our triumphs and forget to give glory to God for what we accomplish. What is an accomplishment you are proud of, and how do you think God was working in you to achieve it? How was His glory revealed in your success?

The donkey in the Palm Sunday story fulfills the prophecy from Zechariah 9:9 that is included in the Gospel reading. Our pastor notes that we can learn a lot from this animal. What are some unexpected places where you find wisdom?

