



### Talk summary:

#### **Love looks like a humble donkey [Matthew 21:1-14]**

1. Jesus's love is humble [Matthew 21:5]
  - a. Jesus' influence was not based on earthly power or military might, but humble obedience to the Father. He needed to frame the Zechariah (9:9) prophecy in a whole new light. Peace and victory were not to be accomplished by earthly might but spiritual power. Jesus modelled true humility with spiritual strength.
2. You are the donkey, not Jesus! [Matthew 21:8]
  - Jesus is humble enough to use us, but we must remember it's not 'about us', yet we have an important part. We are to remember we are the 'donkeys' that carry Jesus into the places where we live and work.
  - CS Lewis said Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking about yourself less. Jesus wants to set us free from jealousy and pride in this area so we can be free to live as His beloved children.
2. We are called to humbly carry the presence of Jesus [Matthew 21:14]
  - The Bible teaches that we are to be aware of the presence of Jesus (e.g Luke 10:1-23) and carry the Holy Spirit with humility, power and authority. As we grow in awareness we will see more of what Jesus modelled when He walked the earth – compassion, justice, healing and miracles.
  - But remembering we're the donkey keeps us grounded, because the river flows to the lowest places

### Questions:

#### **Conversation Starter**

*How do we spot humility in someone else? What characteristics of humility are particularly compelling to us? Where do we think God wants to grow us in this area? How might we encourage one another in this?*

**What might God be saying to me about this theme/situation?**

**What have I learnt that I want to hold on to?**

**How am I going to put it into practice?**

