## Form and Function!

From 3 Great Questions Palm Sunday 2020

Read Matthew 21:1-17 (NIV)

Exodus 12:1-6 (NIV) 1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 2 "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. 3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. 4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. 5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.

- 1. What are your memories of Palm Sunday?
- 2. What did you think the meaning of Palm Sunday was?
- 3. What is your understanding of Palm Sunday after today's teaching?
- 4. Have you ever had experience with a rule or law that was enforced but that violated what the law was intended for? Talk about that experience.
- 5. Do ever feel like you are just "keeping the rules" of the faith but missing the spirit of it?
  What could you do to change that?

## Communion

Luke 22:14-16 (NIV) 14 When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. 15 And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

- 1. What is it like for you to read these words?
- 2. Have you ever felt unworthy to receive communion and so you didn't take it?
- 3. What do you believe Jesus wants you to know about him and you and the communion table?
- 4. Who might you need to invite to "the table" with you?