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<p>key passages Psalm 23 Habakkuk 2:4 Isaiah 65:17-25 Jeremiah 29:4-7 Zechariah 9:9-12 Matthew 21:1-5</p>
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Talking through the biblical text during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Here are some questions to start.

- What have you done in the last week that has helped you become more **fully alive** in an area(s) of your life?
- This week we are looking at the world becoming **Fully Alive**. What does a world fully alive, a world full of shalom, a world alive because God’s Kingdom has broken in, look like for you?

Read **Isaiah 65:17-25**

- What does it mean when God says “*I’m creating new heavens and new earth*”? **v17**
- How do we “*rejoice forever (including now) in my (God’s) creation*”? **v18**
- What do you think is behind **v21-23**? How is this related to, or why is this an important part of shalom?
- What are the implications of **v24** for our prayer life?
- **v25** describes a pastoral scene. When will it happen? Are there any senses that it is beginning now?
- Pastor Mike used a variety of words to describe shalom: completeness, prosperity, well-being, tranquility, peace, wholeness, delight, flourishing. Which one(s) resonate with you? Are there other words you would add to expand our understanding of shalom?
- When you picture expressions of shalom fully come, what emotion(s) arise in you?

Read **Matthew 21:1-5** and **Zechariah 9:9-12**

- In what sense can we understand this as the inauguration of shalom?

Read **Psalms 23**

- How does this psalm relate to shalom?
- How does this psalm speak to us when things don’t go the way we planned, or hoped for, or even think they should?

Read **Jeremiah 29:4-7**

- Context: Israel has been taken into captivity in Babylon when the prophet Jeremiah delivers this message.
- What does God ask his people to do, in the places where they live?
- What is the connection between Israel doing these things, prayer, and shalom?
- What is the connection between us doing these things, prayer, and shalom?

