

Community Group Discussion Questions

“The Last Week - The Crucifixion”

John 19:16-30

Theme: Jesus lived and died, giving everything, so we might receive everything!

The cross, comprised of wooden timbers and iron spikes, was the gas chamber or electric chair of the first century. Created by the Persians, adopted by the Carthaginians and then utilized by the Romans, the cross was a grim instrument of death. One word could describe the experience of those who died by crucifixion; agony! It was humiliating, tormenting, slow, public and always terminal.

Yet John’s report of the crucifixion of Jesus fits his purpose of writing his gospel; to present Jesus Christ as God so that we might put our faith in him (John 20:30-31).

Gathering Together

Did you see “The Passion of the Christ,” by Mel Gibson? If so, what impact did it have upon you?

Do you wear a cross as a necklace, ring, pin or tattoo? If so, what is its significance for you?

Growing Together Read John 19:16-30

Review John 12-19:16; what has happened in these chapters?

What details in John’s account of the crucifixion make the biggest impression on you? Why?

What events does John say occurred in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah? Can you think of other prophecies that were fulfilled in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus?

While Jesus was dying for our salvation, he also made certain his mother would receive the care she needed. What does this say about Jesus? See Exodus 20:12

While the disciples abandoned Jesus, a number of women did not. They were at the cross and also the first witnesses of his resurrection. What do we know about these women? How does their example encourage you?

What do you think it was like for Mary to watch her son be crucified? See Luke 2:34-35. What do you learn from Mary?

After Jesus said, “It is finished,” we are told Jesus bowed his head and died. What was finished? What is the significance of Jesus’ words?

Getting Real With One Another

A danger of being so familiar with the story of the crucifixion is that we can lose our sense of horror at what happened. What helps you remember the horror of Jesus’ death, even while celebrating the joy of his resurrection?

What impact has the story of Jesus’ crucifixion had on your life?

John tells us the events of the crucifixion. Paul explains what Jesus’ death accomplished. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21 and Galatians 2:20. Your response?

Pastor Geoff spoke of 7 facets of how we can respond to the account of Jesus’ crucifixion; With deep gratitude, with shocked humility, with confident freedom, as a living sacrifice, with a resilient passion to serve others, with clarity about what is most important and with unquenchable hope. Response?

Group Prayer Time

Take time to worship and thank Jesus for His sacrifice given for you.

Pray for God’s help in living like Jesus, displaying the various facets of how we can best respond to Jesus’ gift of his life for us.