

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Prayer

- Split off into groups of two. Exchange numbers. This is your prayer partner for the week. Throughout the week, share prayer needs and pray for one another.

Introduction

- There is more meaning to the cross than simply an innocent man's death. This week, we will discover the multifaceted purpose of Jesus' death.
- *Before you trusted in Jesus, what did you think about the cross?*

Read Mark 15:21-32

- *What verse would you highlight from this section?*
- *What do you think this moment was like for Simon?*
- *What do the words of mockery teach us about the crowd's understanding of Jesus?*

Read Mark 15:33-41

- There was a supernatural darkness during some of the crucifixion. *How can we trust God even when a season seems dark?*
- *What does verse 34 teach us about the gospel?*
- The curtain of the temple was torn! *On a scale of 1-5, how much do you enjoy God's accessibility?*

Read Mark 15:42-47

- *How can we mimic the courage of Joseph of Arimathea?*
- *What do you think Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Jesus, were feeling as they saw the stone rolled against the tomb's entrance?*

“One Another” ing...

- Each discussion guide this year will feature one of the scriptures' “one another” statements. These instructions guide us on how to love one another.
- This week, *pray for one another*. (James 5:16, ESV)