

Questions for the Week



Connect (pick 1 question to ask the group)

1. What has God done in your life during this life groups semester?
2. What are you asking God to do in your life this year?

Study (Mark 15:33-41)

1. What is the significance of the darkness that comes as Jesus is crucified?
2. Compare this story to Hebrews 4:15. What does Jesus experience on the cross that compares to what we experience in life?
3. In verse 38 it says the curtain of the temple was torn “from top to bottom.” What does this symbolize about how we can now interact with God?
4. It was the death of Jesus that caused the centurion to acknowledge his Lordship. In what ways can you sacrifice something to show others the love of Jesus?
5. Have you decided to surrender your life to Jesus because you trust that his death and resurrection paid for your sins and give you eternal life? If you have, reflect on how God’s love - revealed in the cross - affects your view of yourself and the world. If you have not then you are invited to surrender your life to Jesus today.

Reflect

1. Based on this passage, is there anything you personally need to confess, consider, or surrender to God?
2. Is there any relationship or situation in your life that this story applies to?

Leader Notes

The Gospel of Mark is arranged to show Jesus as the true king and true messiah who has authority over all powers and kingdoms. In the death of Jesus we see him take upon himself our helplessness and shame. He expressed our own feelings of abandonment and hopelessness. He takes our sin - and the feelings of our sin - upon himself. When we come to Jesus we come to a God who knows what we are going through. He loves us enough to save us by becoming one of us.