

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of March 14, 2021

One of the best things you can do after hearing truths from the Word of God is to talk about them with others. Here are some questions to help get the conversation started. (hint: the first couple of questions are meant to "break the ice" and get people talking)

- Would you rather live the rest of your life as a monk or followed continuously by paparazzi?
- If you had to give a public speech, what story (or fact) would you share to get their attention?
- Matthew 27:46 is a quote from Psalm 22. Read that psalm and point out the similarities with the crucifixion of Jesus.
- Talk about a time that you have seen someone "forsaken."
- Jesus was forsaken so that we will never be. Read Hebrews 13:5-6. According to these verses, what is the impact this truth can have on our lives?
- At the cross/salvation, there is an exchange that takes place. Read Isaiah 53:5, I Peter 3:18, and II Corinthians 5:21 and talk about what that exchange looks like.
- What difference does it make when we believe that we have been totally forgiven? Why is it so hard to believe this truth?
- After salvation, when God see us, He sees Christ's righteousness (not our sin). How can this truth affect us? How can it affect us if we don't believe it? (Hint: compare someone that feels "righteous" to someone that feels "forsaken")
- Which part of this cry is the most meaningful to you right now? Jesus being forsaken for you? The reason Jesus was forsaken (our sin)? The fact that sin deserves separation from God (judgment)? You have been totally forgiven? You have been made totally righteous? A different truth?
- Take some time to pray together.

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