



It is our desire that while we cannot meet together physically, we can continue to grow together in our homes. Use this Family Talk guide to dive deeper into the weekly messages and further discuss the weeks ahead in your personal time with God.



KEY VERSES: MARK 15:16-47

OPEN UP

The crucifixion of Jesus is one of the most well known stories in the Bible. Is there a particular detail that sticks out to you when you think about the crucifixion? Why?

Is it possible to be too familiar with this story? Why or why not? What are some of the reasons it's central to the Christian faith?

DIG DEEP

On Sunday, Dallas said, *"Our single greatest need is not a rebounding stock market or a vaccine, but is the accomplishment of Christ on the cross."* Personally, why is the cross the greatest need in your life? How is the cross of Christ your hope?

Read Mark 15:33-39

What caused the most anguish for Jesus on the cross—the physical pain or being forsaken by God the Father? Why did God turn his back on his Son?

What are some of the implications for us of Jesus being forsaken? How does Jesus' suffering and death on the cross enable us to have peace with God and God's presence with us?

Notice in verse 38 that the curtain was ripped from top to bottom. Do you remember why the curtain was in the temple? What was it meant to separate? Why is it significant that it was ripped, and ripped from top to bottom?

TAKEAWAY

Mark 15:43 says that Joseph of Arimathea *took courage*. How does knowing that we can experience the presence of God through the crucifixion of Christ give us courage? Why does that courage look like right now?

How did you become a follower of Jesus? Spend some time sharing your story of recognizing your own sin and surrendering your life to Jesus.

PRAY

Thank Jesus for loving you so much He endured suffering and went to the cross on your behalf. Thank God that in Christ there are no barriers standing between you and fellowship with Him. Invite Him to give you new opportunities this week to share what He has done with those who do not yet know Him.

LOOK AHEAD

Want to be prepared for next week's message?

A great tool to use for studying the Bible is what is called a H.E.A.R journal. The acronym **H.E.A.R.** stands for ***Highlight, Explain, Apply, and Respond***. Each week, read the specific passage and use the following space to journal how God speaks to you through your personal study time.

H

Read the passage. During your reading, HIGHLIGHT one or two verses that stand out and speak to you.

E

At this stage, you will EXPLAIN what the text means. By asking some simple questions, i.e. *Who wrote these verses? Who is this written to? What is being communicated?*

A

Now APPLY this text to your life. As before, answer a series of questions to uncover how these verses apply to you personally, questions like: *What does this mean today? What is God saying to me? How can this help me?*

R

The last step is to RESPOND. Your response to the passage may take on many forms. You may write a call to action, describe what will change in your life, something you learned, or simply writing out a prayer to God.

READ LUKE 24:1-42

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