



**Icebreaker:** What was your favorite food growing up? Is there a special meal you really like that your family prepares?

**Main Passages:** Matthew 27:41-50

**Big Idea: What do we do with the WHY questions?**

The longer you live in life the hardest questions are often the painful questions. People ask, "Why are these works of darkness allowed to take place?" As we mature in our walk with Jesus, we learn to trust HIM.

**Point 1. Start with the Head**

- How do you respond to the why questions concerning this COVID-19 pandemic?

*If God is so big that He could wipe out the pandemic, He's also so big that He might know something we don't know.*

- Is it wise to *always* give people what they ask for? Why or why not? Give an example.
- What does the Bible teach us about the overarching nature and character of God?

**READ Job 38**

- How does God show up to Job?
- What do the questions reveal about God?

*Observation: I notice the "why" questions when you are suffering, but I notice you don't ask the "why" questions when you're in pleasure.*

- How do you explain the reason of suffering in our world?
- What about pleasure? How do you explain the reason for pleasure?

**Point 2. Move to the Heart**

Psa. 22:1-2; Mt. 27:46; Mk. 4:38, 5:15

- What scripture passage does Jesus quote on the cross?
- What does this mean in Aramaic, "*Eli, Eli, lema, sabachtani?*"
- Have you ever prayed words of desperation? Have you asked the "why" questions?

**READ Mark 4:35-41**

- How does Jesus reveal himself in this account to his disciples?
- What does this revelation teach us about His character and why is this important to us personally?

**READ Mark 5:1-20**

- Do you think the storm on the lake related in some way to what was about to happen next in the region of the Gerasenes?
- What happened to the man after he was set free by Jesus? What does this passage emphasize?

**Point 3. Always get to the CROSS**

Mk. 11:14

- Why did Jesus curse the fig tree? What's the point?
- What tree was in the Garden of Eden? What did Adam and Eve cover themselves with after the Fall when they knew they were naked and ashamed? (Gen. 3:6-7)
- Why did Jesus become the "curse?" What is redemption? How do we understand the extreme value of what was given to us?

Application: Read *Psalms 22 to the end* this week.