

4. How is Jesus our source of Peace? *Isaiah 26:3, Luke 2:14*

Can you share a time when you experienced His peace in a special way?

5. Why would someone need to be told to carry the cross for Jesus?

Mark 14:65

Matthew 27:26

Mark 15:16-20

6. How would you paraphrase the “proverb” in *Luke 23:31*?

Were they “fair” or “just” with Jesus and should we be surprised when life is not fair?

Or should we be surprised when we get what we deserve?

7. How should we look at *Luke 9:23,24* and *Luke 14:27* for our lives?

Taking it Home

Spend time praying with and for each other. Again pray for people in your Oikos and those you are concerned about this Christmas. Who is on your invite list this year and where can you pass out invitation cards?

Prayer Requests:

Knowing the Truth About Jesus

December 9, 2018
Pastor Mike Johnson

“Consider the Cross!” *Luke 23:26-34*

Consider it from

1. The lessons learned from Simon
who was made to help Jesus carry the cross.

Luke 23:26

* Sometimes it is best to do what you are told and more.

Matthew 5:41

* It is always right to do what is right and God rewards. *Mark 15:21, Romans 16:13*

* Carrying your cross is simply doing what God wants you to do even when it is difficult.

Luke 9:23,24; 14:27

2. The warnings given to the women who were weeping for Jesus headed to the cross. *Luke 23:27-31*

* Do not be surprised when life is not fair. .

* Realize you might be crying for the wrong person.

* Be alert and ready for what happens next.

**3. The promise made to the Roman soldiers
who were torturing Jesus on the cross.**

Luke 23:32-34

* God is able to completely forgive you for the
worst thing you've ever done. *I Corinthians 2:8*

* You still must surrender, repent and believe.

So What...

How have you considered the cross?

What was your take-away from Sunday?

(A particular point, challenge, encouragement or question)

Getting Connected

A possible interesting question to start your group-
Share something that you have been encouraged or challenged
about this past quarter in your life group.

Going Further– Growing in Christ

1. This is our last week together to work on this month's memory
verse.

*Luke 1:46-47– NASB- “And Mary said, 'My soul exalts the Lord,
and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.'”*

This week pray for Atherton Baptist Homes as they care for
ministers and missionaries during their retirement years.
Extra credit if you share something from PT with God or Advent.

2. Of the “lessons”, “warnings”, or “promise given” in considering
the cross, which one “hits” you the most personally?
Luke 23:26-24.

How does this all relate to Christmas?

3. How was the promise of the Child to come, Jesus, a source of
Hope for believers in the Old Testament as they looked forward?
Isaiah 9:2,6,7

How is this child a source of Hope for us now?