

WEEK 8: If God is loving, why did Jesus have to die on the cross?

Core Truth: Jesus died on the cross because God's justice required payment for sin, and God's love moved Him to make that payment with His Son.

Trustworthy Statement: The cross was not God's failure to find another way—it was God's perfect way to save us.

Day 1 — Romans 3:21-26 (CSB)

Question: According to this passage, how does Jesus allow God to be both "just and the justifier" of sinners?

Day 2 — Isaiah 53:4-6 (CSB)

Question: What does this passage teach you about the seriousness of sin and the sacrifice Jesus made on your behalf?

Day 3 — Romans 5:6-11 (CSB)

Question: How does Christ's death demonstrate God's love for you even when you were still separated from Him by sin?

Day 4 — Hebrews 9:11-15 (CSB)

Question: Why was Jesus able to accomplish what the Old Testament sacrifices could never fully accomplish?

Day 5 — 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 & Romans 4:23-25 (CSB)

Question: How does the resurrection of Jesus give you confidence that His sacrifice was sufficient and that eternal life is secure?

Take time to practice SOAP:

Scripture: What stands out?

Observation: What is God revealing?

Application: What needs to change?

Prayer: Talk to God about it.