



# HTC SMALL GROUP

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** Thank You for the Cross

**Sermon Date:** Sunday, November 4, 2018

**Scripture:** Matthew 20: 18-28; Mark 15:37-39; John 3:16; 19:30

**Speaker:** Pastor Matt Peca

1. In light of this *Give Thanks* sermon series what are you currently thankful for these days?
2. The Bible has much to say about thankfulness. Take a moment as a group to read through the following verses. Feel free to discuss briefly any thoughts that come to mind concerning each verse. (Col 3:17; Phil 4:6; 1 Thes 5:18; Psalm 28:7; 34:1; 100:4; 106:1; Philemon 1:4).
3. Explain what it is like to be around someone who is grateful and another who is ungrateful. Which sort of person do you think you tend to be more like these days? Why do you think that is the case?
4. The cross is a rare moment in human history when God and Satan moved toward the same goal. Have you ever thought about that? Discuss briefly as a group, why did Jesus have to die on the cross? Why not another way?
5. How would you feel if someone died in order that you would live? How would you live afterwards knowing that you are alive because someone else is dead on your behalf?
6. Jesus' actions on the cross tore the veil from top to bottom (Mark 15:37-39). Discuss what you know about the holy of holies inside the Temple as a group and the veil that separated sinful humanity from a holy God. Then discuss what it must have been like logistically and practically for all those that approached a newly torn veil.
7. In the last moments of Jesus' agony on the cross, He cried out *tetelestai* "It is finished" (John 19:30). Discuss as a group what Jesus meant by those powerful three words.
8. Read Luke 22:14-19 as a group. Discuss what it must have been like for a heavy hearted Jesus to teach His disciples the ordinance of communion and still give thanks.
9. The cross is a great example that shows how far men will go in sin, and how far God will go for man's salvation. Is there anyone these days that you feel God is specifically calling you to go a little further to reach for the sake of salvation?