



## INTRODUCTION

As the human race, we have our worst moment—killing God’s son—and our greatest moment, as Jesus pays for our sin.

## INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God’s word. Therefore please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

## OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was your biggest take away from the sermon?
- Why did the church select the cross as its symbol? Why is that an odd choice?

## REVIEW

- Have someone read **Luke 23:26-39**
- What are the different reactions people have to the crucifixion of Jesus?
- Why was everyone so vile against him? Why do they hate him so? What about Jesus conjured this hatred? DO you see this hatred today?
- In what ways does Jesus display his control and compassion throughout this tragedy?
- Why does Jesus pray for their forgiveness? What does he mean when he says “they don’t know what they do?”

## APPLICATION

- What does it mean to carry your cross? How are you doing so?
- What does the shame heaped upon Jesus reveal about us? What does it reveal about Jesus?
- Betsie ten Boom lamented long ago that she had never thanked Jesus for dying in naked shame for her. Have you?
- Do you think the church will be increasingly reviled in the future?
- When you are wronged or reviled how do you usually respond? In light of Jesus, how should you respond?
- Have you experienced forgiveness recently? Discuss.
- In light of this passage how will you forget yourself and live for your crucified king this week?

## PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?