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## GROUP DISCUSSION

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Philosopher Jesus: Acceptance  
Luke 23:44-49 March 16 & 19, 2023

Prayer Requests:

**Group Discussion:** Have you ever witnessed an accident; car crash, bicycle wreck, a child's bruised or skinned knee, a perfectly rational adult falling off a roof??? What was your reaction?

**Read out loud: Luke 23:44-49**

Which one of the 6 points Luke makes in his text was new to you? What was meaningful about it? How does it relate to your everyday life?

What has any of this got to do with me? Discuss each point:

#1. The barrier between you and God is destroyed. Do you think that not-yet- followers of Jesus believe there is a barrier between them and God? How does the average non-believer describe God or conceive of God.

Read Ephesians 2:1-8, what words does it use about our spiritual condition before we encounter the grace of Jesus? Do you think the average person feels like they're an enemy of God before they come to Christ?

How do you think the Priests explained the torn veil? Because the veil inside the Temple was only seen by a limited number of Priests do you think there was talk all over Jerusalem about the veil being torn or do you think the Priests were able to keep a lid on that information?

#2. The faithfulness of the Father is reliable. Luke tells that the last words of Jesus on the cross was, "Father, into Your hands I entrust my spirit." Jesus never fails to call and describe God as His Father. That one term changed how the Jewish people felt about God. Is the term Father a good term for you to think about God or not? Why or why not? What was one good attribute about your earthly father.

When Jesus said He entrusted His spirit to God, even while dying, how do you succeed and fail in entrusting your life into God's hands? Do you trust Him with your life, kids, finances, habits, church attendance, sharing your faith? Where do you need to trust Him more?

#3. The goal of communion is self reflection. What do you think about when you're taking the elements of communion?

**Family Time:** Read Luke 23:44-49 to your kids. Talk about why the Temple Veil was torn in two. We now have total personal access to God. Tell them about how you pray and what you talk to God about when you're feeling stressed or concerned. Ask them what you can pray for concerning anything their concerned about. Then pray with them.