

## Questions for eGroup Discussion and Personal Reflection

### *On the Way to the Cross* April 8-9, 2017 Alan Kraft, Lead Pastor

#### How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

**Group Participants:** Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

**Group Leaders:** Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

#### Getting Started

Whose death (family, friend, mentor, leader, national figure, etc.) has affected you the most, and why?

What was it like for you leading up to this person's death?

#### Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

**S**pirit: *Invite The Holy Spirit To Speak To You and To Guide Your Discussion*

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

### Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Before digging in to this week's passage (Luke 23:26-43), what stands out to you from these verses (in terms of words, phrases, themes, personalities, interactions, etc.), or stood out to you from this week's message on these verses?

In the verses in this week's passage, we see three different responses to the cross. Read each section below aloud twice in a couple of different Bible versions, then discuss together as an eGroup:

Luke 23:26-31

What was the women's response to Jesus carrying the cross?

What was His response to them? What do you think He was wanting them to focus on?

How is the cross a demonstration of judgment? (See Galatians 3:13)

Luke 23:32-38

How did the religious leaders and soldiers respond to Jesus on the cross?

## Embrace the Gospel Continued

What do their insults and Jesus' response tell us about their understanding -- or misunderstanding -- of power and of God's ways?

How is the cross a demonstration of God's wisdom? (See I Corinthians 1:18-25)

Luke 23:39-43

What does the repentant thief's response teach us about the cross?

What does Jesus' promise to him teach us about salvation?

### **A**pplication: *What Is God Saying To Me?*

Of the three aspects of the cross highlighted in this week's passage and message, which is most meaningful to you in your life right now, and why?

What's one specific thing God is personally speaking to you about from these verses, and what next step might it involve for you to respond to him in this?

## Experience the Spirit

### **P**rayer: *Ask For God's Help In Living Out His Word*

Begin by praising God for your salvation, and for the finished work of Christ upon the cross. Pray specifically for areas where the Holy Spirit is leading people to take next-steps in their relationship with God.

When done praising God and praying for these things, spend time praying for general needs and concerns for one another.

## Engage in Mission

Who are some people you can invite to join you for one of our Easter services here at Christ Community? This is one of those times – like Christmas Eve – when even non-church-goers are open to attending church, and they're especially open to doing so when invited by someone they trust. We're making it easy for you to make "the ask" by having attractive Easter service invitation cards available in the lobbies of both campuses and the office on the 15<sup>th</sup> Street campus. There are also fun video invitations on our church Facebook page that you can share on your page or forward to someone specific as a message.

As an eGroup, consider identifying and praying for the people God has on your hearts to invite, and that our Easter services will be used by Him to help many people hear and respond to the gospel.



Weekly Messages are available in audio and video at [ccgreeley.org](http://ccgreeley.org) or on our free App.