

Small Group Questions Mark 15:21-47 || "Take Courage and Choose Death" November 14, 2021

- 1. OPEN: Play this video on a TV or computer for the group if you're able. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gx6_rGLz20</u>
 - a.) What stuck out to you most from the video?
- 2. Re-read vs. 33-34 as well as Psalm 22:1-2.
 - a. Share about a time when you *felt* like God had forsaken you?
 - b. Then read Psalm 22:3. In what practical ways can we lead our hearts to believe Psalm 22:3 is true when all we *feel* is Psalm 22:1-2.
 - c. Why do you think these two seemingly contradictory lines of thinking sit right next to each other in this ancient prayer from David?
- 3. What is the significance of the curtain in the temple tearing after Jesus breathes his last?
- 4. Re-read vs. 40-41.
 - a. Why do you think Mark includes these women in this passage?
 - b. Who are some women who have helped show you how to follow Jesus? What specifically did you admire about them?
- 5. In what *practical* ways *this week* might Jesus be calling you to choose death so others can live?
- 6. Re-read the centurion's simple confession of faith. Who do you know that hasn't yet made that confession? Spend time praying for them together as a group by name, that God would open their eyes to the grace available to them through Jesus.
- 7. ***Close in prayer consider splitting up in men and women to share more openly how you can pray for one another.***