



Dear Life Group Leaders,

I hope and pray you're having a great week and looking forward to another Sunday celebration of worship. Below is your discussion for week 4 of our current series.

Thank you for leading and serving. Cheering you on!

**In Jesus name,
Pastor Randy**

SEVEN [part 4] Shadows

ICEBREAKER

What was most memorable from this weeks message? What did the Holy Spirit say to you?

Read together: ***Matthew 27:45-46, Leviticus 16: 20-22, Philippians 2:5-8, & 2 Corinthians 5:21***

DISCUSS

1. **Leviticus 16** records the details of how the nation of Israel used sacrifices to find forgiveness for sin. How does the scapegoat in **v. 20-22** foreshadow the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross?

2. The sacrificial system described in the book of Leviticus included various types of sacrifices, many of which required the blood of animals. What does this teach us about the seriousness of sin?

3. If the idea of the scapegoat and the entire sacrificial system of the Israelites is a shadow of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, then what does this tell us about the depth of his commitment to leave heaven and take our sin upon himself? Read

Philippians 2:5-8

4. Read **2 Corinthians 5:21** again. In light of this verse, what does the cross teach us about God's mercy? What does the cross teach us about his justice in the face of sin?
5. In **Matthew 27:46** Jesus quotes directly **Psalms 22:1** (written 1,000 years before the crucifixion). How does this truth help you understand what Jesus is saying when you know he is reciting scripture?
6. Discuss together the impact this series and study is having on your faith and daily life. What have you learned that you did not know?

NEXT STEPS

At Central Life Church we value being a part of your growing faith in Jesus. We desire to assist and resource you as you take your next step. Lead your group through a few quiet moments of contemplation. Ask the question, "What step is Jesus asking you to take in your walk with him?"

PRAY

Throughout the series we have made an emphasis of praying for people who do not yet have a personal relationship with Jesus. Continue this with a time of prayer this week by...

1. Speaking the name[s] of the people you know who need salvation to each other and to the Lord in prayer.
2. Asking God to give you boldness and the right word at the right time to begin leading them to Jesus.
3. Commit in prayer and to one another to bring these friends to Church on an upcoming Sunday.

Conclude by praying for one another.

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