

Community Group Questions:

ICEBREAKER: This week's text includes many people who made bad decisions. What is the worst hair or fashion style choice you have ever made? Show photo evidence if you have it.

1. Have you ever been pulled into a 'mob mentality' or been in the presence of one? What was it like? What was happening? Does it help you understand the reference to Psalm 22?
2. The simple words "They crucified Him" can be read so fast that it can almost be glossed over. Pastor Mike said these words are the hope of the world. Why is that?
3. The reality is that each of us is no different than those who mocked, beat and crucified Christ. Is this a difficult truth for you to grasp? How could understanding this impact your view of the sacrifice that Christ made?
4. Have you been despised or rejected for your faith? How do you react or respond when this happens? Are you generally moved to anger and disgust or compassion and love? Why?
5. What is one way you can practically apply what you learned this week to your life?



This week's sermon
The Crucifixion
Mark 15:16-39

1. We must stop and give thanks to God for this baffling reality: In these words, "They crucified Him," is the hope of the world.
2. From the servant girl scoring points with the soldiers by accusing Peter, to religious Bible-believers who saw sin in everyone, to the Roman soldiers, to the thieves, everyone was there. And, most profound of all, because His death served the purpose to save us, every one of us showed up for our sins were there, laid upon Him. He died not only for us, but because of us.