

Life Group Questions - Mark 15: *Suffering Servant King*

UNDERSTANDING THE PASSAGE

1. *Main Idea of the Passage:* Suffering Servanthood
2. *How the main idea is developed:* Jesus willingly gives himself over to die in our place on a Roman cross, so that we can have REAL LIFE.
3. *Melodic Line:* Repent and Believe in the Good News that Jesus is the Suffering Servant King, the Glorious Savior.

Outline

1. Mere Instruments (vv. 1-15)
 - A. Pilate (vv. 1-5)
 - B. The crowd (vv. 6-14)
 - C. The scourge (v. 15)
2. The Cross (vv. 16-37)
 - A. God the Father is so very present in *Darkness*
 - B. Substitutionary Atonement
3. The Witnesses (vv. 38-47)
 - A. The OT: Gen. 1:1 – Mal. 4:6
 - B. The Curtain of the Temple
 - C. The Centurion
 - D. The Women
4. Repent and believe the good news that Jesus is the Suffering Servant King, the Glorious Savior.
 - A. This is true
 - B. Jesus' glory is manifest in his servanthood and suffering
 - C. This must be proclaimed

Gospel Centrality

1. Mark 15:37-39 – ³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Warming Up

1. What did you like about this passage?
2. What did you find difficult about this passage?

Letting the Text Shape our Framework

1. What does this passage teach about God?
2. What does this passage teach about people?
3. How does this passage speak to an unbeliever?

Traveling Through the Cross

1. How does the gospel centrality speak to how we are to live out this passage?

Applying This Passage to our Lives

1. Repent and believe the good news that Jesus is the Suffering Servant King, the Glorious Savior.
 - A. **This is true:** If you believe this is true, what is one aspect of your life you can further orient around this truth that perhaps might be lacking?
 - B. **Jesus' glory is manifest in his servanthood and suffering:** What areas of your life are you standing on *strength in strength* rather than *strength in weakness*? How might the gospel awaken these areas to new glory in Him this week?
 - C. **This must be proclaimed:** Pray for *tole-mah-oh* (Greek: *courage*) to share the good news of the gospel, both together as a group and individually as you enter your sphere of influence this week.