



Discipleship Guide  
Through the Finish Line (Luke 23))  
We Make The Road By Walking

This guide is an invitation to follow Jesus with greater purpose and hope. It will help you to explore the scriptures and challenge you to live out your faith. Each week we'd love for you to think about how you relate: **Up** (with God), **In** (with church) and **Out** (with neighbors).

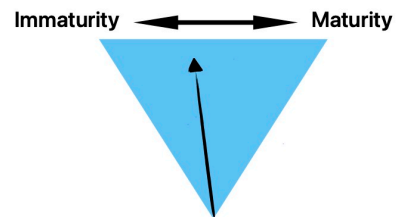
**Weekly Questions:**

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
  - How are you living up with God?
  - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
  - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

**Luke 23:26-46**

Read Luke 23:26-31.

- What are ways that you are tempted to carry your crosses alone? When is a time that someone helped carry a cross for you?
- Jesus tells the folks gathered they will eventually wish that they didn't exist after they try to defeat the Romans using the Roman tools of violence and power. What are ways you find yourself using the same destructive tools from others in your relationships?
- Read Luke 23:32-43. Why is forgiving others and asking for forgiveness the high mark of maturity? How does forgiveness disrupt the normal ways we experience pain and cause pain with others in our relationships?



Dr. Fred Luskin says in *Forgive for Good*: "Forgiveness is the powerful assertion that bad things will not ruin your today even if they may have spoiled your past."

- How can the regular practice of forgiveness change the way our society interacts with one another? Why are we so resistant to forgive people and make room for them to grow?
- Read Luke 23:44-46. Jesus could have stopped short and somehow crushed people or called down armies or done anything besides running through the finish line. Why does running all the way through the finish line matter?
- What is an area of your life where you are tempted to take a shortcut instead of finishing well? How can you help our church run through the finish line right now? How can you practice forgiveness all the way through the finish line in a relationship?

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?