



Faith Community Church
See the Savior

Faith Group Questions
& Discussion Guide



Opening Prayer: Ask God to heal our blindness and help us see the gifts He gave us through His death and resurrection.

Icebreaker: Have you ever *felt* darkness? Describe the situation.

Key Takeaways:

1. Darkness came both in Egypt and at the cross before the death of the Passover Lamb. God closed the curtain as the High Priest brought His sacrifice.
2. Christ experienced complete loneliness on the cross by bearing our sin.
3. We can miss what God has done and is doing by looking only for what we *want* Him to do.

Discussion Questions:

1. Did you look for fear, lack of reliance, need for honor, or partnering last week? Tell us about it!
2. How does Jesus' cry that God had forsaken Him seem paradoxical? What are truths about Christ that make this hard to comprehend? (John 1:1-5, Jn 10:30, Jn 16:32)
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. How does this help us understand the last question? How should this shape your life?
4. Read Exodus 10:2-22 and 12:1-13. Discuss the parallels between this passage and Jesus' death on the cross (Matthew 27:45-50).
5. In the beginning, great crowds followed Jesus. Then many of His disciples went away. Every one of His disciples abandoned Him in the garden. What led to this abandonment? How can this lead to Christians walking away today? (John 6:53-66, Matthew 27:47-56)
6. Read Hebrews 13:5. Discuss the implications of Jesus' statement as both comforting and challenging.

7. Read Matthew 27:47-49 and Acts 1:6. What were the Jews looking for in a Messiah?
8. Read Isaiah 53. What portions of this Messianic prophecy sound almost confusing?
9. How have you placed expectations on God and His work? What are truths we know about God's promised work? (John 12:32, John 15:5, Ephesians 6:10-13)
10. How can we look for / see where God is at work? (John 16:8-11, 2 Corinthians 4:18)
What are practical steps we can take to *join Him* in what He's doing?

Practical Applications: (Choose one and share with an accountability partner)

Hunt for Darkness. This week, find one area in your life where you have allowed darkness to hide something that shouldn't be there (unforgiveness, jealousy, reliance on something other than God). Confess it to God and allow His light to purge that darkness.

Learning from Loneliness. Find one way in which you have experienced loneliness and used things other than God to fill it. Intentionally place Christ in that area - whether through extra prayer or worship times, or coffee with Jesus, or walks to experience His presence.

Admit to one area where you have demanded that God answer prayers your way. Surrender the outcome to God and start thanking Him for His sovereignty and good plans.

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for the cross. Thank You for shattering the darkness, coming into our loneliness, and working Your plans, which are so much better than ours. We surrender our plans to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.