



## GROUP FOCUS QUESTIONS

Week of: March 28-April 3, 2021

Texts: Luke 23:32-47, Isaiah 53:5-6, Acts 7:54-60, Luke 9:23

**GETTING STARTED:** Express your opinion as to why a cross became the primary symbol of Christianity rather than an empty tomb, miniature Bible, dove, etc.

### DIGGING IN:

1. As a group, brainstorm a list of ways Jesus was tortured or ridiculed in the hours of His crucifixion.
2. What message do you see in the fact that Jesus and Stephen had quite similar thoughts and statements in the last moments of their physical life?
3. What did Jesus mean when He told us to "take up a cross" if we intended to follow Him?

### DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Recall and share with your group a time when you felt like you were carrying a cross.
2. When you think of Jesus being crucified what is the first thing that usually jumps into your head?
3. What value do you find in protecting specific moments in your busy schedule to remember that Jesus gave His life for you?
4. If you could ask Jesus one question about His experience on the cross what would it be?

### PRAYER SUGGESTION:

Allow members of the group the opportunity to say "thank you" to Jesus in their own way for dying on the cross for them.