



Study Guide Come Alive – Part 2 The Power of the Cross

INTRODUCTION:

In a noisy world filled with so many distracting voices, instant messages and Instagram images all competing for our attention; the cross is God's message of love, mercy, forgiveness, and hope. The good news is that you do not have to be good to experience the power of the cross, but you must focus your faith!

SCRIPTURES:

Romans 1:16
1 Corinthians 1:18
Galatians 2:20
Galatians 6:18
Romans 3:23
Numbers 21:4-9

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is the death of Jesus Christ on the cross such a monumental part of the Christian faith?
2. Pastor spoke about the distracting noises in our culture. What is a distraction that you struggle with?
3. When the children of Israel faced death from the serpents, they admitted that they had sinned. Why do we find it difficult to admit that we are sinners?
4. Pastor noted that "you do not have to be good to experience the power of the cross," Why has the message of focusing on Jesus gotten lost in religious dogma and how do we make sure that it is clear in our lifestyle?
5. Of the four benefits listed below, which one is most meaningful at this season in your life? Why?

Moving Forward:

Focus on the Cross and experience...

- Unfailing love
- Infinite mercy
- Undeserved forgiveness
- Sustaining hope

Changing Your Mind:

And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. "For **this is how God loved the world:** He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:14-17, NLT)