



Life Group Work Sheet

John 19:17-42 - The Crucifixion, More Than The Eye Could See

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If passages such as John 19 tell us the specific events of the crucifixion and Jesus' death, passages such as Isaiah 52-53 tell us the purpose of Jesus' sacrificial death. This Life Group lesson looks to Isaiah to help us understand the work of Jesus and what his death has done for all who believe in his name.

Part 1 - Ice Breaker

1. Have you ever seen the Passion of Christ? If yes, what were your thoughts after seeing the movie? Did it change the way you thought of the cross? Did it change *you*? Why does that movie (and others like it) have such an impact on us?

Part 2 - Sermon Review

2. Read Isa. 52:13-53:12. Does this passage give us any more insight into the account of Jesus' crucifixion in John 19? What does it tell us about the *purpose* of the crucifixion?
3. Read Isa. 53:4-6. Jesus' death on the cross not only cleanses us from sin; it also takes away our guilt and sorrow. What are some griefs that you have borne? Some sorrows? How are these 'borne' and taken away by Jesus on the cross? Do you feel freedom from these griefs and sorrows? If not, how do you give those areas to Christ?

4. Jesus' death also brings us peace (v. 5), yet in the midst of our busy and fast-paced society we often lack peace. What is the peace that Isaiah refers to? How do we cultivate it in our lives? What are some practical ways for us to do so?
5. Read Isa. 53:7-10; John 19:24, 28, 36-37. Jesus' peace and obedience throughout this dark day shows his confidence in God's control over everything. How is God's control over everything a relief to us when we face our own struggles?
6. Read Isa. 53:11-12. These verses help us to understand the gospel. Do you know anyone living far from God? Would you be willing to share this good news with them?

What happened to Jesus after the crucifixion but before his resurrection? Check www.christ2Rculture.com at the "Answers to Your Questions" tab to find out.