



Sermon-Based Discussion Guide for Home Groups

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Gospel: The Payment

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SCRIPTURE

Psalm 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? **2** My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises. **4** In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. **5** To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

ENGAGE

Have you ever felt forsaken by God? Is it something that you can share with the group?

DISCUSS

1. Read Psalm 22:1-2. King David felt forsaken at this point in his life. These are also the words spoken by Jesus on the cross. What do you think Jesus was feeling while on the cross? Why do you think Jesus was feeling forsaken? What had changed?
2. An understanding of Jesus' sacrificial death is laid in the Old Testament in the sacrificial system. What do you know about animal sacrifices in the Old Testament?
3. Have you ever seen Abraham's near story of sacrificing Isaac as a picture of the cross? There are many parallels. Name some of them. (God provided.)
4. The Passover is another foreshadowing of Jesus' sacrifice. What do you remember about that event? (The blood on the door post allowed death of the first born to be avoided.)
5. The reason you and I aren't required to live a perfect, sinless life is because Jesus did. How do you think we'd do against the standard of perfection if we didn't have Jesus to depend on for salvation? Do you think some believers are too lax in their desire to be righteous because "Jesus paid it all." What helps you keep a proper desire for holiness?

YOUR NEXT STEP

Is there someone in your life that needs to hear the wonderful truth of the gospel? Make a commitment to pray for them daily and to look for opportunities to share the gospel.

CHILDREN'S TIME

1. Describe Jesus' final moments on the cross. Say, "when Jesus was on the cross, we were on His mind." How does that make you feel? Is it our fault that Jesus had to die?
2. If Jesus paid the price for our sin, why do we have to be good? (Love for Him, witness to others, etc.)
3. How can we share this good news with others?

OTHER PASSAGES

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

Isaiah 53:7

Rom. 5:17-18

Is. 53:6 The sin of us all was laid on him.

Gal. 3:13

Matt. 27:39, 43