

CROSS STUDY

1. Passion Account

A. Mark 14:32-65; 15:1-37

1. Overwhelmed; depressed; deserted by friends; alone; defrauded—lied about; denied; despised....
2. Why did Jesus do this? (can get them to say ...”Because he loves me.”)

2. Physical Pain and Death

A. Can Read Medical Account

1. Gets us in touch with how horrible sin is to God. It hurts God.

3. Pain of Separation from God

A. Psalm 22:1-18, 30-31

1. *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*
2. This was the greater challenge of the cross.
3. Jesus took on my sin (the penalty of sin) and experienced a separation from God.
4. Prophecy about 1000 years before Jesus!

4. Our Response

A. Romans 5:6-8

1. Jesus died for us while we were powerless, sinners, ungodly, enemies.
2. That’s real love—Jesus taking my place and dying for me. He paid the penalty of my sin—death.
3. We should be incredibly thankful.

B. II Corinthians 5:14-15; 20-21

1. We should no longer live for ourselves.
2. Be motivated to do God’s will because he loves you.
3. Be urgent...I urge you to be reconciled to God.
4. Jesus was our sin offering. He took the penalty for sin (death) and we can have His righteousness credited to us (a substitution).

5. Let’s Get Personal

A. Isaiah 53:4-6

1. Remember the study on sin...your sin. Jesus died because of your sin.
2. Can substitute person’s name in this passage to make it more personal.
3. (optional) Can watch *The Cross* video together.
4. Can get down on knees and pray together expressing to God whatever is in the heart after doing this study.
5. Set up next study...time and place.