



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

**April 2, 2023**  
**Luke 23:26-43**  
**“The Crucifixion”**

**QUESTIONS**

*(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)*

1. The passage from this week is very weighty. As a group, take a moment to reflect on Jesus's journey from his trial to his crucifixion. Put yourself in the shoes of the many who followed him. What would it have been like to experience this scene?
  - a. How might you have responded to his scourging and crucifixion as one of his followers?
2. In this passage, Jesus capitalizes on the fact that the attention is on him, including his address to the women watching and mourning for him. What is the significance of Jesus's commentary to the "daughters of Jerusalem"?
  - a. How might a proper understanding of Jesus's comments affect the way you have considered the crucifixion historically?
3. The crucifixion is a gruesome sight. Why is it important that we consider Jesus's death apart from the disturbing practice of crucifixion?
  - a. What are ways that this group can work to see Jesus as "perfect Savior" rather than "perfect sufferer"?
4. Jesus's heart towards the soldiers who beat him was compassion and love, rather than hatred and bitterness. How can meditating on the heart of Jesus influence how we interact and treat others in our communities who are different from us (generationally, racially, socio-economically, etc.)?
  - a. Those in our workplace?
  - b. Those who don't know Him?
  - c. Those who are less fortunate?
5. Jesus, in his perfect obedience to the Father, drank the cup reserved for us and bore our sin. Only his death is sufficient to save. What are things that you are personally tempted to believe can save you other than Jesus?
6. We live in a world that ties power, prestige, and strength to leadership and authority. What are ways that we can help a dying world see that the Son of suffering was exactly the king we needed for salvation and relationship with God?
  - a. How can we model this type of humility in our everyday lives (workplace, parenting, relationships, etc.)?
7. In verse 43, we see Jesus forgive the thief on the cross and welcome him into heaven, immediately, without the need to hear his theology or see his fruits of the spirit lived out. How does your understanding of the "repentant thief" alter the way you think about evangelism and discipleship?
  - a. How does it alter the way you think about eternity?