

The Greatest Adventure

The **CROSS**

Community Group Guide

CONVERSATION STARTER

As we think about the cross and the death of Jesus, as group, come up with a list of things you would be willing to give your life for?

During our time together, we want to look more closely at crucifixion and the death of Jesus. In doing so we want to look at what Jesus went through and the ramifications of his act of love.

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Before we read the Scriptures on what the cross accomplished for us, let us consider crucifixion itself. On Sunday, Pastor David came short description of a crucifixion. What was your reaction to that description? Does it change how you imagine what Jesus' death was like?

Please read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.

How does Paul explain that Jesus is our Gift Righteousness?

How does the gift of righteousness connect to the believer's identity in Christ?

How do these passages connect the idea of being made new in Christ and the mission of sharing the Gospel with others?

Please read 1 John 7-9.

What is the significance of John saying that our sins are forgiven AND we have been cleansed?

How does our "cleanliness" shape how we view ourselves before God?

How might this truth of expiation (made clean) shape how we tell people about Jesus?

JOINING IN THE GREAT ADVENTURE

In what practical ways do you look at the life of Jesus as an example for how to live yours?

What have you personally learned about Jesus as we have studied the cross, and how might it change the way you worship him?