

The Passion of the Christ

Mark 14:12-15:38

Ice Breaker: What's the first thing that comes to your mind when you see a cross?

Big Idea: “Before we can begin to see the cross as something done *for* us, we have to see it as something done *by* us. As we face the cross, then, we can say to ourselves both ‘*I* did it; my sins sent Him there,’ and ‘*He* did it; His love took Him there.’” (John Stott)

Digging Deeper:

- 1) Read Mark 14:12-26 (specifically v23). What does it say that Jesus served “ALL” of his disciples – despite the fact that He knew they would all desert, deny, or betray him? What does that communicate to those of us who have fallen short in our followership of Jesus?
- 2) Read Mark 14:27-15:38. Describe all of the ways that the religious leaders and Roman authorities participated in the crucifixion of the Son of God. What does it tell us about Jesus that He willingly allowed Himself to be subjected to this kind of treatment – by creatures that He created?
- 3) How is that we participated in the crucifixion of Christ? How is that we have blood on our hands? Describe to each other what it was like (on Sunday morning) to participate in the nail exercise at the end of the service.
- 4) What does it say about Jesus that He willingly went to the cross to bear the shame of our sin – so that we could be forgiven and set free? Spend some time giving Him praise for His work on the cross.