

Discussion Guide

Glimpses from the Cross
November 2, 2025

PART 1: RECAP. HAVE SOMEONE READ THIS OUT LOUD.

We've been reading through Mark 15 the past few weeks. Last week, we focused on Jesus's trial before Pilate. In that passage, we learned about how Jesus was unjustly condemned and still chose to take our place on the cross because of his love for us. This week we are reading the story of Jesus on the cross, where we see the different reactions of the people involved and learn what it means for us to carry our own crosses today.

- We're finally entering the holiday season. What traditions or activities are you looking forward to?
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PART 2: HAVE SOMEONE READ MARK 15:21-32, 39 OUT LOUD. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.

- What do you think went through Simon of Cyrene's mind as he was commanded to carry Jesus' cross?
 - What reasons might the soldiers, thieves, and passers-by mocked Jesus?
 - What is the significance of the centurion's confirmation of Jesus' death?
 - Read 1 Corinthians 1:22-25. How is the cross a stumbling block for so many?
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PART 3: REFLECT. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

- When did you first hear the story of Jesus on the cross? Is your reaction to hearing it now different than the first time you heard it?
- How has your faith in Jesus changed how you live your life? Make it personal. Give specific examples of things that have been good or difficult.
- What do you need to sacrifice in your own life this week for the sake of following Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE:

Mark 15:39

And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

NEXT STEPS:

- I am thankful that Jesus took my place on the cross.
- I will take up my cross and follow Jesus by _____.
- I will surrender my life to Jesus fully, not just in part.
- I will talk to someone about what my next step in following Jesus is.

