

FBC Overton Family Bible Study

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Cross That Changes Everything

Text: Isaiah 53; Galatians 6:14

Hymn Focus: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

How to Use This Family Study

This study is designed for families to use at home since we are unable to gather together. You can choose someone or multiple people in your family to read aloud. Take your time, invite questions, and adjust the discussion for the ages of those in your home.

Begin by praying together and, if possible, sing or listen to *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*. You can pull it up on YouTube.

As we continue in our WORSHIP series as a church our focus today is on the hymn WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS.

Isaac Watts wrote *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* to help believers slow down and think carefully about what Jesus did for us. The hymn reminds us that the cross is not just something we talk about—it is the center of our faith.

“But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.” —
Galatians 6:14

Family Question: Why do you think it's important to stop and think about the cross instead of rushing past it?

I. The Cross Shows Us the Cost of Sin

“On which the Prince of glory died, / My richest gain I count but loss...”

Read Together: Isaiah 53:4–6

The cross teaches us that sin is serious. Jesus suffered and died because our sin had to be paid for.

Talk About It:

- Sin hurts our relationship with God
- Sin affects other people
- Jesus took our punishment because He loves us

Family Question: What does it mean that Jesus took our place?

II. The Cross Shows Us God's Great Love

"See from His head, His hands, His feet, / Sorrow and love flow mingled down..."

The cross is the greatest picture of God's love. Jesus chose to suffer so we could be forgiven.

"Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him..." — Isaiah 53:10

This shows us that God's plan was loving, even though it was painful.

Family Question: How does knowing Jesus loves you change the way you see yourself?

III. The Cross Changes What Matters Most

"Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, / Save in the death of Christ my God."

The world tells us success means being the best, having the most, or being noticed. The cross teaches us something different.

The cross teaches us:

- Faithfulness matters more than popularity
- Obedience matters more than praise
- Trusting Jesus matters more than trusting ourselves

Family Question: What are some things people usually brag about? What should we brag about instead?

IV. The Cross Calls Us to Follow Jesus Fully

"Love so amazing, so divine, / Demands my soul, my life, my all."

Because Jesus gave everything for us, we want to give our lives to Him.

Following Jesus means:

- Loving Him first
- Obeying Him daily
- Trusting Him with every part of our lives

Family Question: What is one way we can show love for Jesus this week?

Family Prayer Time

Take turns thanking Jesus for what He did on the cross. Pray for help to love Him, trust Him, and follow Him together.

Jesus, thank You for loving our family and giving Your life for us. Help us to live for You and follow You with our whole hearts. Amen.