



FAITH

The Finished Work of the Cross

Icebreaker: Do you go shopping on Black Friday?

Read Together: John 19:17-30 (NLT)

Discuss:

- What did Jesus finish on the cross?
- What does Jesus finished work mean for your life?
- Charles Spurgeon said it would take all the other words in all the lifetimes to adequately explain what Jesus finished on the cross! Take some time to put your words to work and express a bit of what it means to you.

The Curse of Sin:

Read Together: Isaiah 53:4-6 (NKJV), Galatians 3:13 (ESV), Isaiah 43:25 (NIV), 1 Peter 2:24 (NIV)

Discuss:

- How do you view God?
- Is God hateful and mean or gentle and loving?
- Sometimes we get the idea that Jesus holds off the wrath of God. Yet, it was God's idea to give his own son to restore you to Him! He can't wait to have a relationship with you through Jesus! What does that truth do to your heart?
- Is it hard for you to imagine that you need a savior? Why do you think you have that view?

Mankind's separation from God.

Read Together: Matthew 27:51 (NIV), Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)

Discuss:

- Talk about the significance of the curtain in the Temple.
- There were levels of access in the Temple. Why was that?
- When Jesus Shouted, "It is finished", the curtain that said, "Stay Back" tore in two. Teams of horses could not have torn it apart, but a simple statement from the son of God ripped it in two!
- What levels of access do we now have through Jesus?

Our shame.

Read Together: Hebrews 10:1-10 (NLT), Ephesians 1:7, 9-10 (ESV)

Discuss:

- When Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden, there was never a moment in history after that, where someone was not feeling shame. Jesus took that. How does that impact you?
- Do you believe that Jesus took your shame so you don't have to keep it?
- What would your life look like if you LIVED like you had no shame?

Prayer: Lord, I want to believe and live the way you died for me to live and believe. Help my unbelief. The enemy lies and says I have to wallow in the grief in all the ways I fall short of your glory. Help me to live in the freedom you finished for me on the cross. Today, please show me what it is to believe you and how you see me.

