

Our Suffering Substitute

Matthew 27:11-31

Scripture Memory of the Month

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus sin.
Romans 8:1

1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2) DISCUSS THE TEXT - ENGAGE THE HEART

These questions are designed to help us study the word together, apply it to our lives, and then see the gospel in this passage. Take some time in each section together, engaging with one another's insights as we study the Bible together.

Tonight we are going to grow in studying the Bible together. We'll read through each section and discuss what the text says and what it means.

Read Matthew 27:11-14

What is the context of this section? Who is present? What's happening? Are there any other significant details included here?

Read Mathew 27:15-26

What are some observations from this section?

What is the significance here?

What does this mean for us?

Read Matthew 27:27-31

What do the details of Jesus' humiliation signify?

How does the humility of Christ teach us?

What does Christ taking on this shame mean for Christians?

3) REVIEW THE MISSION

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

People:

Who can be intentionally living on mission amidst our current situation? (neighbors, coworkers, or a specific demographic in Columbia)

Plan:

Who is one person you can share the gospel with this week? How can that be done under the current constraints? Spend some time praying for these opportunities.

How can we be intentional in times like this about sharing the gospel?

Pray:

Pray for God to help us love him above all else that we may join him boldly in his mission to redeem the world. Pray for those around us that we need to share this with or invite in.