

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, March 16, 2008

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TODAY: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 10:45 and John 3:16-18.** What would you say is the beginning point for the atonement of Jesus? According to these verses, what is the motivation behind the cross of Jesus (Romans 5:6-8; 1 John 4:9-10; 1 John 4:19)?
- (b) What are the terms used to describe us before we came to Christ (Ephesians 2:1-3). What did God do for us and why did He do it (Ephesians 2:4-7)?
- (c) *When* did God do this for us (2 Thessalonians 2:13; Ephesians 1:3-5; Colossians 3:12)?
- (d) Read Titus 3:4-7. How did the love of God appear to mankind? How much of His love did He pour out on us in Christ (Titus 3:6)?
- (e) Why did God chose Israel (Deuteronomy 4:37; Deuteronomy 7:7-8; Deuteronomy 10:15)?
- (f) *Family:* Read John 3:16-18 and Romans 5:8. What is the reason that God chose us to be saved? Why did He choose to send His Son to die for us? Would it be accurate to say that the love of God is the only explanation for the cross? Explain your answer. Spend some time thanking God for His great love toward us.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 10:45 and Matthew 26:34-44.** What situation is Jesus facing in the Garden of Gethsemane?
- (b) What is the one thing that he asks the Father to do? What is the one reason he is willing to go through with being crucified?
- (c) Read Luke 24:25-26. What does Jesus say about his suffering and death after the resurrection? Was there any other way to pay for the sins of man?
- (d) What do Hebrews 2:17 and Hebrews 9:23-26 tell us about the importance of Jesus' death on our behalf?
- (e) Is Jesus *forced* to die for us (John 10:17-18; Matthew 26:53; Mark 10:45)? Why did he go to the cross?
- (f) *Family:* Read Matthew 26:34-44 and John 10:17-18. What is required to pay for sins? Can God just forgive sins and not require a payment? Was it absolutely necessary for Jesus to die on the cross for our salvation? Pray that you might understand how great the love of Jesus is toward those he came to die for.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

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- (a) **Read Mark 10:45.** What is a ransom? How is Jesus death a "ransom" for us?
- (b) Christians often talk about the "substitutionary atonement" of Jesus. What does this mean for us? How does this term explain what Jesus did for us on the cross?
- (c) How does 1 Peter 2:24 describe the death of Jesus? What did He bare on the cross?
- (d) What do Galatians 3:13 and 2 Corinthians 5:21 tell us that Jesus became for us?
- (e) Read Luke 22:19-20. *Who* did Jesus give his life for? How does this make the Lord's Supper a very special remembrance for believers?
- (f) *Family:* Read Mark 10:45 and 1 Peter 2:24. Talk about substitution. What does it mean to have someone be your substitute? How does this apply to the cross? What does it mean to say that Jesus died for you? Pray for someone that needs to know about the atonement that Jesus provided.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

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- (a) **Read John 10:14-15 and 26-30.** *Who* are the ones that Jesus says he lays down his life for? What is the evidence that these are "his sheep"?
- (b) What is the reason that Jesus says that some of them do not believe (John 10:26)? How is faith an evidence of salvation?
- (c) What great promise is given regarding all that come to him?
- (d) Read Isaiah 53:10-12. What "pleased the Lord?" How does this show that Jesus' death completely satisfied God's wrath toward out sin?
- (e) What other statements in these verses speak about a substitutionary death?
- (f) *Family:* Read John 10:14-15 and 26-30. Can Christians say that Jesus died *specifically* for them? How is this seen in the Bible? Pray that our heart might be humbled by God's love toward you in sending His Son to die for you.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read John 1:29 and 4:42.** How great is the atoning death of Jesus? Are any peoples, or nations, or ethnic groups excluded from this great redemption (Revelation 5:9)?
- (b) How great is your sin? Would just your death pay for your sins? How does an eternal hell point to an infinite sin penalty that cannot be paid for in time? Who can pay such an enormous penalty (Revelation 5:1-10)?
- (c) How many sins did the death of Jesus cover? Is the death of Jesus sufficient to pay for *every* sin you have ever committed and ever will commit? What is John telling believers about the sufficiency of Jesus' death in 1 John 1:8-2:2?
- (d) Read 1 Timothy 4:10. What is Paul saying about how sufficient the death of Jesus was in terms of covering every sin ever committed? Is there any sin too great to be covered by His death? Is there any amount of sin that will ever exhaust the sufficiency of the death of Jesus?
- (e) Read Ezekiel 33:10-11. What has God promised to everyone that turns to Him (Romans 10:13)?
- (f) *Family:* Read John 1:29 and 1 John 2:1-2 and discuss the sufficiency of the death of Jesus to pay for all our sins. Is there anyone beyond God's saving power? Pray for someone that needs to know that the death of Jesus has paid it all.

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read Mark 10:45. Why did Jesus come? Was he required to give his life for us? What does the cross say about the love of God? What kind of death did Jesus die for us? How is He a ransom? Pray that many might understand the wonderful cross of Jesus.

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The Nature of the Atonement
“to give His life as a ransom...”