



### Part 3: Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

#### get going.

What comes to mind when you see a cross? What was once the most brutal form of capitol punishment and torture has been reduced to a piece of jewelry. What made this token so famous and what's the big deal about the man who made it infamous?

#### discuss.

1. What is your favorite movie where the hero of the story dies or is killed?
2. What do you think is the difference between the death of Jesus and the death of a martyr, or some war hero?

#### Read Colossians 2:13-15

3. Paul mentioned that we all have a debt we cannot pay. Sin is the greatest problem that confronts people today and many don't even realize it! Do you feel that sin is an outdated concept or is it something you can relate to? How would you define what sin is?

#### Read Romans 6:23

4. What are your thoughts about the penalty for sin? Is it too extreme? Why does God punish us for sin?
5. What is your reaction to the crucifixion? Do you feel God is unjust because He punished Jesus, an innocent party, instead of us?
6. How has your understanding of the crucifixion changed as a result of this week's message?
7. Have you accepted God's offer to cancel your debt towards Him? If not, what's stopping you?

#### Read John 10:10

8. Jesus took our place on the cross, not just so we can go to heaven, but so that our quality of life on earth would be very different. How so? How has your life been changed because of Jesus?

#### wrap it up.

Take a few minutes and read through the crucifixion account in Matthew 27:32-56. Spend some time in prayer thanking Jesus for taking our place and reflecting on the price He paid to restore our relationship with God.