



a passion
for
Jesus

Testwood
Baptist Church

Study questions

March 29th '20

In this 4 week series leading up to Easter we're looking at what led up to Jesus' death, why His death was necessary, what the cross achieved, and its implications for our lives. These are disorientating times – and our prayer is that God would speak to us all through His word and bring us His peace by assuring us of His Presence with us. This week we thought about what the cross achieved.

Read: 1 Peter 2:21-25

The Revelation of God

1. Through the cross, God reveals the fulness of His character,

- i)** What characteristics can you pick out about Christ in these verses?
- ii)** What challenge does Peter give us in v21? What might it look like for us to live these things out in our current circumstances?

The Salvation of Sinners

2. Look up: Romans 3:23; Romans 5:6; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7

- i)** What do all these verses teach us about our part and God's part in salvation?
- ii)** How does the cross of Christ achieve these things?

The Reconciliation of All

3. Check out v25 of 1 Peter 2.

- i)** How does this speak profoundly into our situation at the moment?
- ii)** How can it provide comfort for us during this time?
- iii)** In which areas of our lives do we need to ask for God's closeness and comfort right now?

Romans 15:13 says, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

- Why not use these prayers on the right
- Pray specifically about the immediate needs of those in your small group

Let's pray specifically for us as church at this time:

An 'UPWARD' prayer

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for the Lord Jesus, for all He achieved on the cross. We praise you that you are a God who transcends all suffering and disease and that you understand everything in our lives. We thank you for revealing yourself fully in Jesus, for saving us from the sin that so easily entangles and for reconciling us back to God.

In the powerful name of Jesus,

Amen

An 'INWARD' prayer

Lord, thank you for the truth in Scripture that when we draw near to You, You draw near to us. Would you help us to trust in Your unfailing love during these strange times. Father, would you cause us to grow in our relationship with you, would you help us to remain positive and seek the joy and encouragement in all things.

In Jesus name,

Amen

An 'OUTWARD' prayer

Father, we thank you that as Your people, the church is not confined to a building. Thank you that we have this great opportunity to be the church for those who need us most. Would you help us, in the safety of isolation, to seek out opportunities where we can share about the Lord Jesus, and be a witness in our communities. Would you help us to pray for our neighbours who don't yet know You. And would you cause your church to grow during this time of uncertainty. Lord, have Your way among us we pray, in Jesus name,

Amen