

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

EPISODE 3

CROSS: WHY DID JESUS DIE?

Question #1 - What is one of your most physically painful experiences?

Supporting Questions:

- Do you have any cool scars?
- Have you ever broken a bone?

Question #2 - How would you define sin? Do you see it in the world around you?

Supporting Questions:

- Do you think the problems of the world are getting worse or better?
- Who should decide what is right and what is wrong?
- Jason and Ben said that 'sin is not just in the world around us but also in each one of us.'
How do you feel about this idea?

Question #3 - Do you think there is a difference between the death of Jesus and other religious leaders, martyrs, or war heroes?

Supporting Questions:

- If yes, what is it? -or- If not, why?
- Does the death of Jesus have any personal meaning to you?
- Ben and Jason said that Jesus died for you and me because He loves us. What do you think about this idea?

Post Session Discussion (Optional):

- How did you feel about today's episode? - What stood out to you?
- Do you think you can sin without knowing it?
- Do you think it's fair to say that everyone has sinned?
- In this episode there were a few different pictures used to describe what Jesus did on the cross: a father welcoming his son home, a judge paying for his friend's crime, and a priest killing a lamb as a sacrifice. Which of these pictures stood out to you the most? Why?
- When Jason and Ben showed the "good person test", they said that God doesn't compare us to one another to determine if we are good or not ('God doesn't share our rating system').
What do you think about that idea?

