



Leader Corner

John 19:25-30

Main Idea: I don't believe that my mind ever will understand the complexity of God's justice, love, holiness, mercy, and sacrifice displayed on the cross. I do know that without the crucifixion of Christ, we would be without hope and dead in our sin. Thanks be to our God for His loving mercy and grace!

Main Practice: Wonder at Christ's sacrifice for us.

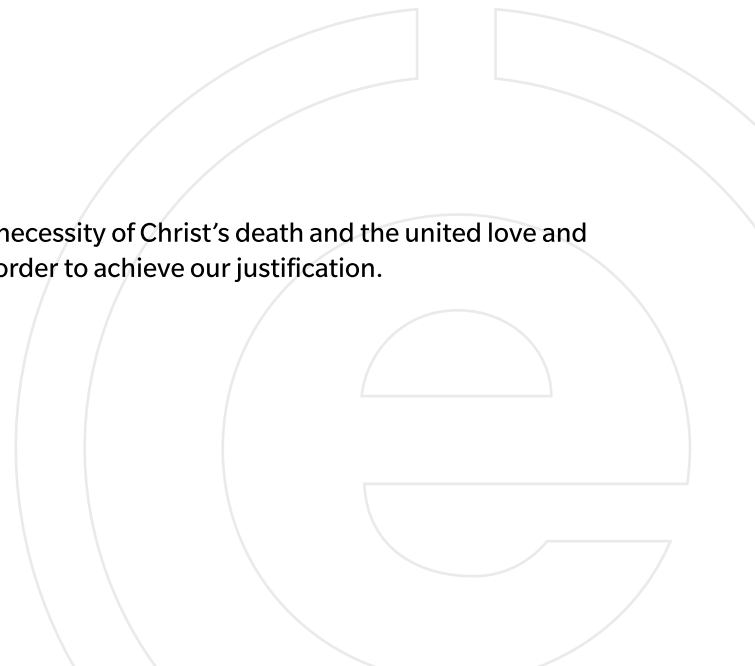
Main Teaching: John 19:25-30

Refocus with Praise

Look up and read, sing or meditate on the hymn, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.

with Prayer

Have someone pray for your group that members will understand the necessity of Christ's death and the united love and agreement of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit in order to achieve our justification.



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Principle

1. Have someone read aloud John 19:25-30.
2. What in this week's sermon impressed a new thought in your mind?
3. In verses 23-24, we see the soldiers total disregard for the truth of who Jesus is. They are only interested in their present material gain. This can often be the picture of those in every age who reject the offer of Christ and take on the world's values. Where else do we find this disregard in scripture? Discuss. (Helpful scriptures: Proverbs 1:24-26, Matthew 10:33, Luke 12:16-21, John 3:18-21.)
4. In verses 25-27, Kingdom of God ethics are noted in the display of concern, love, empathy and responsibility for others. Share and contrast the following scriptures with the world's values that were exhibited by the soldiers: Zechariah 7:8-10, Romans 12:14-21, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:12-13.
5. Jesus tasking John with His mother's care is a picture of a disciple's life. The life of a disciple is not a passive life. It is, instead, a call to joyful and fulfilling happiness in service and responsibility in the Kingdom of God. Contemplate this in light of the following passages: Matthew 25:14-23, John 15:8-11, Galatians 5:13-14, Colossians 3:23-24, 1 Peter 4:10.
6. "It is finished." What does Jesus mean by this declaration? We may never fully grasp the depth of this statement, but discuss with the following scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5:21, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:10, 1 Peter 3:18.

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Practice

If God has given you responsibility in His Kingdom, pray for joy and faithfulness, knowing that you are doing your Father's will.

If you are currently not engaged in Kingdom work, pray for God-given opportunities to be fruitful in service to Him.

For Further Focus

For those interested in going deeper into the accomplishments of Christ on the cross read *The Cross of Christ* by John Stott.