

### The Heart of the Matter

12. Read Isaiah 53:1-12. What highlights would you take from this passage to explain what Jesus' death was all about?

13. Is there a curtain that is still separating you from God? How does Jesus' crucifixion relate to that?

14. What is the riskiest thing you have ever done because of your faith in Jesus? What did you do and why?

15. At what point did the crucifixion begin to make a difference in your own life?

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## Life Group Study Guide

(Life Groups Coming Fall 2017)

### He Bled and Died Mark 15:16-41 For the Week of April 2, 2017

#### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. When you were younger were you ever bullied? How did you respond? What would you do if you met your bully now?
3. What is the most difficult pain that you have ever suffered? What has been your greatest joy?

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### **Digging Deeper**

4. In verses 16-20 list the horrible things that the Roman soldiers perpetrated against Jesus. What would be some of the motivations for how the Roman soldiers treated Jesus the way they did?

5. After being flogged (V15) and then mistreated by the Roman soldiers what was the likely condition of Jesus as He began his journey to the cross? Why is Simon Cyrene needed to carry Jesus' cross? (14:65; 15:15,19)

6. What kinds of people were usually crucified? (V27) How is Jesus like them? How is He different? What further insults are added to injury in verses 29-32?

7. What ironies do you see here: In the places occupied by the robbers (10:37), in the call for Jesus to save Himself by coming down from the cross, in the official sign above the cross for the reason behind Jesus' crucifixion?

8. What aspect of the crucifixion is likely the most difficult for Jesus? What part do we all play in Jesus' suffering and death?

9. How are the cry of Jesus (V34; Psalm 22:1), the tearing of the temple curtain (V38, Matthew 27:51-53, Hebrews 10:19-22), and the faith of the centurion (V39) all related?

10. What are the theological implications of Jesus' cry about being forsaken? The torn temple curtain? The faith of the centurion?

11. In verses 40-41, Mark points out that many women were there watching the crucifixion of Jesus. What is so important about these women? (Mark 16:1-8, Matthew 28:1-10, Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-2, 10-18)