

*"My God, my God,
why have You forsaken me?"*

Matthew 27:45-47 / Psalm 22

July 2, 2017

for Life Group & Personal Bible Study

This guide, based on Sunday's sermon, provides additional study and reflection. It is not a full Bible study curriculum, exhaustive commentary, or complete Life Group itinerary, but simply a conversational resource for further growth. Use these thoughts below as you enjoy your Life Group experience or personal time with the Lord!

1) Backgrounds. Let's dive right into the deep end of the pool. Psalm 22 describes a season in David's life when he felt his suffering was despised and disdained by God and that God had hidden his face from him. He also felt God was not listening to his cry for help. Describe for the group a time when this was, at some level, your experience.

2) Read Matthew 27:45-47 and Psalm 22 again and think back over Sunday's sermon.

What points of the sermon or this passage resonated with you?

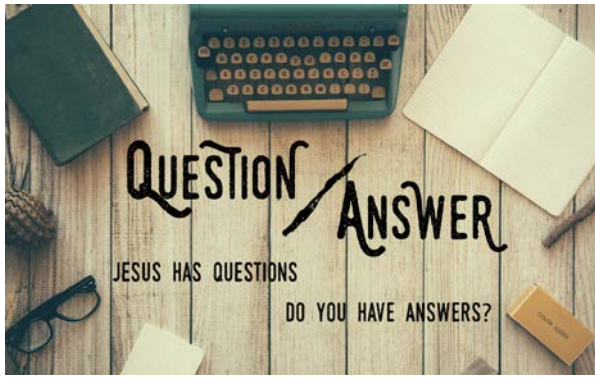
What questions came to mind? How were you challenged?

3) Understanding the Passage. Jesus asked the question, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" From what you read in Psalm 22, do you believe that God had forsaken Jesus? If so, what did that look like preceding, during, or after the crucifixion?

4) Parallels. Read Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12. During the sermon, Isaiah 53:3 was quoted. Now, having read the entire section on the Suffering Servant, do you gain any more insights into Psalm 22 and how the two passages coincide? Are there additional details that help you understand both Psalm 22 and Matthew 27?

5) Personal Reflection. Talk about a time when "the pain was audible." How did you navigate from the sense of abandonment to the place of trust? What or who was the greatest help in moving from despair to hope?

David promises to tell the coming generation his story. Do you tell your story often? Are you intentional about making sure people both inside and outside the church hear the good news about Jesus and how that reality has impacted your life? If so, how? If not, why not?



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Answers to Sunday's "fill in the blanks"
& additional Bible verses

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I. The Question

Matthew 27:45-47

II. The Suffering Servant

Psalm 22:1-21

A. David's Suffering

vs1-2

B. God's Character

vs3-5

C. David's Suffering

vs6-8

D. God's Character

vs9-11

E. David's Suffering

vs12-18

F. David's Prayer

vs19-21

III. The Fruit of Suffering

Psalm 22:22-31

A. Tell the Community

vs22-26

B. Tell the World

vs27-31

IV. So What?

A. Did God forsake Jesus on the cross?

B. Things are not always what they seem.

C. The fruit of salvation includes telling.