

Message Reflection Guide

John 19:16b-42 – It is Finished

Conversation Starter

When you see the symbol of a cross (necklace, tattoo, etc), what comes to mind?

Discussion Points

Bottom line: Jesus took the penalty we deserved so that by believing we may have life.

Read John 19:16b-42

The Brutality of the Cross

How would you have responded if you were in Simon of Cyrene's place?

In what ways do you think the psychological torment attributed to the overall brutality of Jesus's crucifixion?

The Finality of the Cross

Why is it so critical to be sure of the physical death of Jesus?

How does Jesus' death signify the fulfillment of the Old Covenant, and what does this mean for believers today?

The Reality of the Cross

What does receiving new life through Jesus's death, burial and resurrection mean to you? And how does it impact the way you normally live your life?

How do you interpret "taking up your cross" and what challenges have you faced (or expect to face in the future)? Read Galatians 2:20.

Practical Steps

How does the cross of Jesus help us live with intentionality? (focus on yourself, living within the body of Christ and sharing the gospel with others)

How does the cross effect your personal and corporate worship?

Take time to allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in your next steps. How do you feel God prompting you?

Prayer: Spend time thanking God for sending His one and only Son (John 3:16). Jesus, thank you for your sacrifice. You took on brutality and ultimately death all out of love for us. Thank you!

