

THE CROSS



Bookmark Bible Study (BBS)



HOW TO: BBS's were designed to be simple, straightforward, and enjoyed with at least one other person. Just grab a Bible and follow the instructions.

INTRO: The cross is one of the most famous symbols in all the world. And it represents one of the most famous deaths in all history. But as you will see from God's word, it should point us to even bigger realities.

START HERE: Feel free to begin by reading an account of Jesus' death in Mark 15:1-39. Now...

READ Mark 14:32-36 and discuss the following questions:

1. This is the night before His death. How would you describe Jesus' physical, emotional, and spiritual condition there in the garden?

2. The "cup" (v. 36) is a symbol of God's wrath against sin (cf. Jer. 25:15). How did the sinless Jesus respond to the reality of facing God's wrath for us sinners?

READ I Peter 2:21-25 and talk about the following questions:

3. What do these verses reveal about the spiritual work Jesus was

doing for us on the cross? To what end(s) did he suffer and die?

4. Peter says Christ's suffering and death were also meant to serve as an example. What might he mean?

READ Galatians 2:20 & 6:14 and consider the following questions:

5. The cross makes it possible for a part of you to die along with Jesus. What part of us might that be? (cf. I Peter 2:24)

6. According to 2:20, how is your life to be different on this side of the cross and because of the cross? (notice the heart-felt, personal tone of the final phrase of this verse)

7. What might it mean to "boast...in the cross" (6:14)? Consider the contrast between this kind of boasting and boasting in the "world" (v. 14) or in ministry 'success' (v. 13).

Before you finish, feel free to share any other verses that come to mind, and/or questions about these verses for which you would like to find answers.

PRAY IT! LIVE IT! Finish by praying for one another in light of what these passages have shown you. Before you do that, share at least one area in your life in which you can or would like to apply God's word. Feel free to share other requests with one another as well.