

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, August 1, 2004

Passage: John 19:28-37

Memory Passage: Hebrews 10:14

TODAY: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read John 19:28-29. What prophecy is being fulfilled here? Consider Psalm 22:14-15. (b) Read all of Psalm 22. What other sections seem to be about the crucifixion also? (c) What does his thirst tell us about his humanness? How does Hebrews 2:17 explain this? (d) Why did Jesus say, “I thirst?” What does this tell us about his control over all things? (e) When did Jesus say, “It is finished?” What is the significance of the timing? Was even his thirst necessary? What does it tell us about the importance of fulfilling prophecies (Luke 18:31; 22:37)? (f) Give thanks for the humanity of Jesus, that he became one of us to redeem us.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read John 19:30. What was Jesus referring to when he said “*IT* is finished?” (b) What is God’s penalty for sin (Genesis 2:16-17; Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 6:23)? (c) What did God do for Adam and Eve after they had sinned (Genesis 3:21)? What is the reason that Abel’s sacrifice was accepted and Cain’s rejected (Genesis 4:1-5)? (d) What did God tell the Israelites in Leviticus 17:11? What was God’s requirement for forgiveness (Hebrews 9:22)? (e) Why did Jesus have to become a man (Hebrews 2:14; 10:4)? What truths about the cross does the sacrifice of the lamb teach us? (f) Thank the Lord for allowing Jesus, as the Lamb of God, to take your place.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read John 19:30 again. Also read Romans 3:25 and Hebrews 2:17. What does *propitiation* mean? (b) Why *must* God punish sin (Genesis 18:25)? How is the cross a *just* solution (Romans 3:26)? (c) What do Matthew 27:50, Mark 15:37, and Luke 23:46 tell us that Jesus said before he cried, “It is finished?” Why would he have this experience? (d) How often could the high priest enter into the holy place? What separated this part of the temple from the rest (Exodus 26:32-33)? (e) What took place when Jesus died (Matthew 27:50-51; Mark 15:37-38; Luke 23:44-46)? What is the significance of this? (f) Spend time thinking about *your* sin that put Jesus on the cross. Thank Jesus for becoming sin for you (2 Corinthians 5:21).

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read John 19:30 again. What else did Jesus accomplish on the cross according to 2 Corinthians 5:18-19? (b) What evidence of this do we find in Genesis 3:9-10? What do Isaiah 53:6 and 59:1-2 tell us about man’s relationship with God? What has Jesus become for us (1 Timothy 2:5)? (c) What do the words, “It is finished” indicate about what Jesus has done for us on the cross? Also consider Hebrews 10:11-14. (d) What had Jesus told his disciples about his predicted suffering (Luke 12:50)? What had he said about his work (John 4:34; 17:4)? How do these relate to his saying, “It is finished”? (e) What does the completed work of Christ mean for us (Romans 5:1; 8:1)? (f) Ask the Lord to show you areas of your life today that do not bear testimony for Christ. Ask for forgiveness and for strength to live a life that leads others to come to the cross.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read John 19:31-37. Why did they not want to leave the bodies on the crosses (also see Deuteronomy 21:22-23)? (b) What actions did the soldiers take? How did these actions fulfill prophecies? (c) What is the significance of the blood and water flowing together? (d) What is the prophetic significance of his bones not being broken (Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12)? (e) What does John say about his testimony in verse 35? Why does he bear this testimony? Why is it important that our testimony be true also (consider Paul’s testimony too in 1 Thessalonians 2:3-5)? (f) Pray for someone today that needs to hear the true testimony of what Jesus has done. Ask for an opportunity to bear that testimony.

What are the implications of the finished work of Christ? For salvation? For your life?

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The Finished Work of Christ

“He said, ‘It is finished’ and bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.”