

PREACHING CURRICULUM

The Curse; The Cure

Matthew 27:33-61; Matthew 28

'...everybody dies; but everyone can live because Jesus has overcome...'

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

What was the true curse Christ carried for us?

How is Easter so much more than a 'commemoration', but rather a 'commissioning'?

What are some of the lies that we can expect to encounter as we carry out that commission?

What is the amazing promise offered by Christ at the end of Matthew 28 (vs. 20) to disciple-makers?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

How does your worship, flowing out of gratitude for what Christ has done, overflow into a need to 'Go and Tell' what He has done?

Instead of running from the ugliness of our sin, how are we meant to respond?

Have you ever been challenged by others with lies about the claims of Christianity regarding Christ, His death and resurrection? How did you /would you respond to them?

If by "telling" we make disciples, what challenges have you faced in boldly telling others?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

As Christians, how are we meant to respond and act in light of Christ's suffering, death?

How should the reality of the empty tomb change our view of suffering, death and the urgency to tell others of the hope we have?

If the centurion, who actually physically participated in the suffering and death Christ, could claim for others to hear that Jesus truly was the Son of God, how can we grow in our boldness to openly declare the same?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is not meant to be something we only consider during Easter. If this is a commissioning, What are some ways we can continually challenge ourselves and encourage one another to "act" on the Easter message?

How can we better live out the Gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, within this group?