



GOOD FRIDAY

Home Discussion Guide

Read:

Good Friday is a time when the Christian Church remembers and celebrates the gift of Jesus' sacrifice for our salvation.

This is a special time for us who have put our faith in Jesus and believe:

- Jesus is the Messiah, the promised Savior and full Revelation of God. (For further reading: Romans 5:8, Heb. 1:1, John 14:7)
- Jesus came to offer forgiveness and restore our broken relationship with God. (For further reading: Acts 13:38, 2 Corinthians 5:18, Colossians 1:20)
- Jesus was perfect, yet willingly suffered and was put to death to pay the penalty of sin. (For further reading: 1 Peter 3:18, Philippians 2:5)
- Jesus' sacrifice frees us from the power of sin and death. (For further Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:3, Hebrews 2:14, 1 John 5:11)

Take turns reading these passages:

Matthew 26:37-38

He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.

Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

Luke 22:44

And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Matthew 26:45

... Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners.

Matthew 26:56

...Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Luke 22:63-64

The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him. They blindfolded him and demanded, "Prophesy! Who hit you?"

Matthew 27:22-23

"What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!"

"Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

Matthew 27:26

He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

Psalm 129:3

Plowmen have plowed my back and made their furrows long.

Matthew 27:27-29

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said.

Isaiah 50:6

I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

John 19:14-16

... "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.



But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Romans 8:1-3

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering

Hebrews 9:26-28

... he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Share reactions and discuss these passages of scripture. Encourage deep reflection!

Communion/The Lord's Supper

The night before his death, Jesus symbolically reframed the traditional Passover meal to point to himself as our ultimate deliverer and redeemer, giving us a tangible reminder whenever we gather.

Read:

1 Corinthians 11:23-24

... The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Take the Bread:

Break off a piece of bread. After reflecting on Jesus' sacrifice-the beating, scourging, and broken body- share how knowing Jesus endured this for us impacts you personally.

Pass the bread to each person and ask them to share what Jesus' body being broken means for them until everyone has shared and is holding a piece.

After everyone has shared, pray a prayer of thanks for the broken body of Christ and eat.

Read:

1 Corinthians 11:25

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Pick up your cup:

Share what it has meant to you to be completely made clean through the shedding of Jesus' blood; being in right standing with God because of the infinite distance Jesus was willing to cross to restore you as a child of God.

Share the personal impact of having a renewed identity found in Jesus.

Read:

1 Corinthians 11:26

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Spend some time in prayer regarding the gift of forgiveness Jesus' blood provides, and pray for boldness to live authentically in the new life that Jesus' sacrifice offers.