



Introduction

As Christians, we say that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, but what does that mean? How does Jesus dying on a cross bring the forgiveness, freedom, and relationship with God that He promised? In this four-week series leading up to Easter, we've been looking at different ways of understanding how the cross is good news and how we can share that good news with those we love. In this final lesson, we're pulling it all together!

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Share Your Story

1. When's a time you communicated in a way that really didn't connect with the other person and where they were coming from?

Hear God's Story

Pastor Alex went over four foundational truths about us and God. Read through each truth below, and ask after each one:

- How would we share this with those coming from the three different worldviews?
(A brief summary of each can be found in the Further Studies section below.)
2. Truth #1: God loves you and has a purpose and plan for your life.
Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11
 3. Truth #2: Our sin separates us from God.
Scripture: 1 Peter 3:18
 4. Truth #3: God sent Jesus to repair our relationship with Him.
Scripture: John 10:10
 5. Truth #4: We must each make a decision to follow Jesus.
Scripture: Revelation 3:20

Create a New Story

6. Who's one Christian family member or friend that you can "share your faith with" this next week, to help you practice using the right language?
7. What are some key things you think you need to remember when sharing your faith with someone who doesn't know God yet?

Further Studies: Reviewing the Worldviews

Let's briefly review the three major worldviews we've been learning about in this series. Read the below summaries, then move onto the questions below.

Fear-power worldview: In this perspective, our connection with God was interrupted by the power of evil - so we are forced to be powerless and live in fear. But when Jesus died on the cross, He rescued us by setting us free. So the main message for people with this worldview is that God can set you free.

Shame-honor worldview: Here, the main problem is that we've dishonored God by the things we do wrong, and that's brought shame upon us. But the main message of good news for people with this worldview is that God can restore your relationship with Him.

Guilt-innocence worldview: This perspective sees our existence almost as if we're in a courtroom; and because of our sin, we've been found guilty and must be punished. But the message of good news you need to hear if this is how you see the world is that God can forgive your sins.

Discuss

1. How has what we've learned over the past few weeks better equipped you to share your faith with those who think differently than you?
2. What Jesus did on the cross for us had many spiritual layers to it. We learned that on the cross He liberated us, restored us, and forgave us. How does this impact your view of what He did for us on the cross?
3. What one thing have you noticed in your thought life or beliefs during this series that needs to change to better re-align with the God of Scripture?
4. What's your action plan look like to work on that one thing?
5. How are you going to better represent the heart of God this next week toward others?
6. How are you going to better represent the heart of God this next week toward yourself?

For Parents: Repackaging for Youth

1. For those who have young children in the home, what are some ways you could teach this lesson to them that takes into account their age and learning level?

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