At The Cross

Pastor Carl

Luke 23: 23 - 49

START TALKING - Find conversations starters for the group or with a friend.

• What's the biggest event you've ever been too? What was it like, how many people and how did you feel?

KEEP READING - Read the Scripture and ask a question to get the group thinking. Read these scriptures out loud:

John 23:23 - 49

Pastor Carl shared that Josephus, a Biblical historian recorded that 3 million people were present at the crucifixion of Jesus. It was a public event and with all those watching eyes, there were lots of different responses with some aware, engaged and tuned in. However, there were some unaware criticising and clueless.

- Talk about the crucifixion of Jesus and what it must have been like to be there in person. How do you feel when you reflect on the events of that day.
- How would you describe the events of the crucifixion to someone who didnt know anything about it?

We heard that there are two messages from the cross - a vertical and horizontal message. The vertical represents our relationship with the Father and how He has made a way for us to approach him. The horizontal represents how we can live our life from a different viewpoint because He has made all things news.

- What stands out to you about the vertical and horizontal messages of the cross?
- Discuss the truths of the cross that Pastor Carl talked about. Which of these is most greatly hitting your heart in the days leading up to Easter this year?

KEEP TALKING - Choose questions to create openness.

Talk about your inner response as you reflect on the truths of the cross. How is God moving you to reach out to others this Easter?

KEEP MOVING/GOING - Commit to a step and live it out this week.

• Why don't you find an Easter Bible Reading plan this week that you can do together with some friends or as a Connect Group. Take some time this week to really thank God for His life poured out for us.

KEEP PRAYING

- Prayer requests from everyone at group
- Pray