



Week 2

Big idea: Jesus endured a horrible death on the cross. Jesus paid the price that we could not pay on our own. He did this work on the cross for you. Now you have a choice to make – will you trust Him or reject Him?

Leaders, we want students to have space to share their raw thoughts around what they just heard about what all Jesus endured on the cross for them. Start out your group by asking them for their thoughts.

Discussion Questions

- Think of the details about the cross that we just heard. What stood out to you about what Jesus experienced on the cross? Is there anything that you heard for the first time?
 - How do these details affect you mentally, emotionally, and spiritually?
- Do you believe that Jesus endured this pain for you?
- Matthew 27:46 shows us that Jesus had taken on so much wrath that he felt abandoned by God. How does this reality change the way you look at Jesus and what He endured on this cross?
- We see in Matthew 27:50 that Jesus releases his spirit. What does this teach us about Jesus?
- Jesus paid for our sins so that we can be forgiven. How are you trying to offer sacrifices to Jesus or working to earn your salvation rather than trusting Jesus and the sacrifice He made for you?
- Throughout the series, we will continue to highlight that we only have two options: (1) follow Jesus as king or (2) reject Him. Some try to create a 3rd category by saying “I’ll think about this when I’m older” but that is choosing to follow yourself. Which category are you in tonight?