

Week8: Mark 15:1639

CONTEXT

The Big Picture: Spend a few minutes reviewing the big picture of this gospel book from Week One. Who wrote this book? When might it have been written? Who was it written to? Where are the main events located? Where are we in the large story of Scripture?

A quick look back: Spend a few minutes reviewing what you have read so far in this study. What have been some of the main points/stories/ themes/or learnings from the past week or weeks.

Today's passage :

Option D. Creative Engagement : Have participants creatively engage the text through one of the ways below. You may need paper, pens, crayons, and colored pencils.

x Give everyone paper and drawing/coloring supplies. Have everyone to read the passage again on their own. Invite everyone to spend some time illustrating the passage in whatever way they want- concrete, abstract, colors, images, words. When everyone has completed their art, come together and spend time sharing with each other what you drew and why.

x Write a haiku about the passage (a three-line poem w/ 17 syllables divided up into 5/7/5 per line). Example:

Unconditional,
God's love endures though mine fails,
Everlasting love.
By Roger W. Hancock

APPLICATION

No matter what method you used for observation, spend some time talking about what this passage might mean now, to us, in the very lives we find ourselves living. Here are some questions to help guide this discussion. Feel free to use several or to just focus on one or two.

- x How might you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words? Or, if you had to choose 3 words to help you remember this passage, what would they be?
- x Does this passage touch on or speak to anything that you see going on in our larger culture? On this campus? In this dorm? In your own life?
- x What does this passage teach you about being a follower of Jesus? What might that mean for you right now in your life?
- x What does this passage reveal about who Jesus is and what He came to do in this world and in our lives? How does that intersect with your life right now?
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