

Lesson Aim: To grow in our understanding of what it meant for Christ to take us from spiritual death to spiritual life.



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Prayer: Start your time together by asking the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion.

Icebreaker: What was one of the most incredible events you have ever seen? What difficulties do you experience in the retelling of your eyewitness account?

1. **READ Mark 15:1-20.** What mental, physical and emotional brutality do the soldiers inflict on Jesus? Why? What does their mockery seem to stem from (fear, anger, unbelief, etc.)?
2. Why did Jesus go through this trial and torture when He could easily have used His great powers and escaped? How does this make you feel? What does it make you want to do?



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3. **READ Mark 15:21-47.** What kinds of people were usually crucified (verse 27)? How is Jesus like them? How is Jesus not like them?
4. What aspect of the crucifixion was the worst for Jesus: the physical pain of the feeling of being forsaken by the Father? What does this say about our part in His crucifixion?
5. When did the crucifixion begin to make a difference in your own life?
6. **READ Mark 16:1-7.** Where is your spiritual life focused these days? On Good Friday? Easter Sunday? Or in between? Explain your answer.
7. **READ Ephesians 2:1-10.** According to this passage, what are the effects of being dead in transgressions and sins? How have you seen or experienced this to be true?



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8. According to Ephesians 2:4-7, what motivated God to save us? What might it mean to be “made alive”, “raised” and “seated” with Christ (verses 5-6)?
9. How might your life be different if God ceased to be gracious to you?
10. What difference does the reality of your union in Christ make in your everyday life?



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Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.

DEAD OR ALIVE

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