

## Sunday, March 28, 2021 Dr. Landon Dowden

## SERMON-BASED CURRICULUM

## LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

As we partnered with God this past week to \_\_\_\_\_, what did He do? How did He work in and through us?

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR MARK 15:1-39**

- 1. In what way(s) did God speak to you today through His Spirit and His Word?
- 2. How do you feel when you see the corruption of the chief priests or even Pilate's admitting that he could not find any evil that Christ had done? What comfort is it to you that even this corruption is under God's control?
- 3. Some seem to think that God's will for our lives and God's plans for blessing us includes avoiding pain and difficulty. What would this mean for Christ then and what He experienced in submission to the Father's plan?
- 4. Why do we need to understand the presence of pain or difficulty does not mean the absence of God or His will?
- 5. How does reading about the crowd yelling for Barabbas to be released and for Jesus to be crucified make you feel? How can we see the substitution of Jesus for us in these events?
- 6. When we serve or sacrifice, we often want to be acknowledged or thanked for what we've done. How can Christ's serving and sacrificing while being mocked and reviled by everyone around Him empower us to serve even if no one ever acknowledges the good we are doing?
- 7. What do you think it was like for Christ to be surrounded by all of the soldiers as they beat Him and ridiculed Him?
- 8. Read Psalm 22. How many connections can you make between Psalm 22 and what is happening in Mark 15? Why do you think Jesus quotes this Psalm from the cross?
- 9. Why is the cry of Christ, "It is finished," so important for us?
- 10. Does it matter that Christ committed His Spirit to the Father and death didn't just overtake Him?
- 11. What would you say to someone who does not believe Jesus really died on the cross?
- 12. What significance is there in the curtain being torn, especially from top to bottom? What does this mean for us as believers and how often do you take advantage of what Christ achieved?
- 13. Why is it significant that a Roman Centurion confesses that Jesus really was the Son of God?
- 14. What further thoughts, questions or comments do you have about Mark 15?
- 15. What will be different in your life this week because of the truth that is revealed in Mark 15?