

# Sermon Questions

---

**DATE:** March 17th, 2024

**SERMON TITLE:** God On The Cross

**MAIN POINT:** We've been taught, and rightly so, not to rejoice in the suffering of others. And yet we are told to rejoice at the fact that Jesus, called The Christ, was nailed to a cross, Why?

---

## Volunteer Opportunities:

*Leaders, please share the following volunteer opportunities with your group members each week. Thanks!*

►► **HisKidz Team Member:** Our HisKidz Team is looking for new members! Our Nursery, Preschool and 2nd/3rd Grade classes ALL have opportunities for serving - right now! If you love to laugh, encourage and share the gospel with children, this is the place for you. Join a team that is making a difference in children's lives each and every Sunday and beyond. Interested? Swing by our connect desk to ask about serving, OR look on our app under SERVE→ HisKidz Team and complete our Volunteer Application.

**Other Serving needs include the Baptismal Team, Production Team, Worship Team, Security, and Clean Team.**

---

**Scripture:** [Luke 23:26-43](#) (Click the links in blue for easy reading!)

---

## Principles for studying a passage of Scripture:

- ✓ **Comprehension:** Asks - What does the passage say?
  - ✓ **Interpretation:** Asks - What does the passage mean?
  - ✓ **Application:** Asks - How should this passage change me?
-

## Questions:

➤ **Comprehension:** [Luke 23:26-43](#) together. How would you summarize this passage in your own words? What would you say is the main point?

➤ **Personal Reflection:** What sticks out to you most in this passage and why? What causes questions?

➤ **Comprehension:** In your own words explain who was on the cross.

➤ **Interpretation:** Jesus spoke to some of the women following him as written in [Luke 23:28-31](#). Why do you think he stopped to say these things?

➤ **Interpretation:** As a group read [John 19:19-22](#). Why do you think Pilate had the inscription written as he did?

➤ **Interpretation:** Compare the similarities and differences between the two criminals being crucified along with Jesus in [Luke 23:39-43](#). Why are they important? What might they represent?

➤ **Application:** What does the cross mean to you? How has/does it change you? Be honest and specific.

➤ **Application:** Read [Luke 9:23-25](#) together. What does it mean to **you** to take up your cross daily?

➤ **Application:** *Leaders, please set a timer for this activity.* Individually, take 5-10 minutes to write down areas in your life that need to die so that you may truly live. Write down what taking up your cross daily looks like for you, or what you know it should look like. Write down details on how you will continue to make Jesus the Lord of your life.

➤ **Group Prayer:** At the end of the activity, pray together from a place of gratitude for the cross. For the love of the Father, for the ultimate sacrifice and for the death of Jesus so that we may truly live.

---

## Personal Questions (for monthly breakouts):

- What life challenges are you facing this week?
- How are you responding to those challenges?
- How can we pray for your heart in those challenges?
- What sins are you holding onto right now?
- How can we help keep you accountable?
- How can we be praying for you personally this month?
- Share one way God has been working in your heart and life this past month!