

## **The Gospel of Mark Message Series**

Discussion Guide based on the morning message on August 8, 2010

*Survey the Wonderful Cross Mark 15:21-32*

**Big Idea: See the cross as the greatest symbol of love the world has ever known.**

### ICE BREAKER DISCUSSION

- Who has sacrificed to give you life? To give you freedom? To give you salvation?
- What is different about a patriot dying for your freedom and Jesus dying for your freedom? What is different about the "freedom"?
- Are we desensitized to Jesus' suffering? How? Why?
- What do you think of when you see a cross displayed? What should the cross remind us of?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How did the Jews view the cross? (Read Duet. 21:23)
- How does Jesus not begin able to carry His cross demonstrate His humanity? Why would that be important? How is this amazing in light of the fact that He was God incarnate?
- V. 23 – Jesus decision not to take sedation. Why is this significant?
- What is the most important view of the reason why Jesus died? (He died for you personally.)
- What response should Jesus' sacrifice bring?
- What statement does the cross make?
- Explore the suffering of Jesus. (Activity: Have your group members who are physically able to stand for 2 minutes with feet together and arms outstretched.)
- What does the cross demand? (Response) What does the cross show? (Love)

### APPLICATION

- Spend a few moments asking members to contemplate what needs to change today and this week because of the cross.

END BY READING REVELATION 19:11-16