

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

Discussion Guide based on the morning message on August 15, 2010

*The Meaning of the Cross 15:33-41*

**Big Idea: Realize that the cross of Christ has the power to meet your deepest need.**

### **ICE BREAKER DISCUSSION**

- What technology amazes you? Do you often feel like it is passing you by? Is it really necessary for you to know all about it? What is *the* most important thing to make sure you know about in your life? (the meaning of the cross).
- GAME: Here's some God/Bible/Church lingo: Put up the initials and see who can get the meanings.
  - JC – Jesus Christ.
  - GLY – God loves you.
  - TIG – Trust in God.
  - P, J, and J – Peter, James, and John
  - IATLOTW – I am the light of the world.
  - SOTW – Savior of the world
  - GN – Good news.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

No more darkness (33)

- How does the darkness at the 6<sup>th</sup> hour of Jesus' crucifixion relate to the old testament?
- What did Larry mean when he said, "Jesus endured the darkness so you don't have to."?

No more debt (34)

- What is significant about the moment when Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?"
- What is our debt? (death – physical and spiritual)

No more distance (38)

- What is the significance of the curtain being torn in two? (full access to God) Why don't people utilize the access they have to God?
- No more doubt (39)
- What was the confession of the centurion? What made him realize who Jesus was? What gets your attention to who Jesus is?
- What should we celebrate each time we gather as the church? Why do we forget?

Application

- Worship Jesus in your personal worship time this week to prepare for next week's corporate gathering and notice the difference in how meaningful worship is.

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