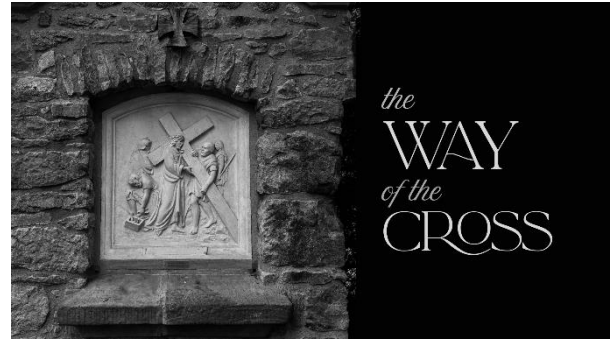


Discipleship Group SERIES QUESTIONS



The Way of the Cross Message Series

We live in a time when many people feel worn down, distracted, and unsure what really matters. Lent is a season when the church slows down and asks an honest question: What actually brings life? In this series, *The Way of the Cross*, we're going to look at the cross of Jesus—not as a symbol we've grown used to, but as the center of our faith and the path Jesus calls us to walk. During Lent, we're inviting our church to walk this road together through prayer and Scripture, keeping Jesus at the center. Our hope is simple: that by the time we reach Easter, the resurrection will feel like the natural result of a journey we've been walking all along—a deeper trust in Jesus and a clearer sense of what really matters.

WEEK 3 Background

This week we wrestle with a word that often makes us uncomfortable: **judgment**. Many of us associate judgment with criticism or rejection, yet Scripture presents it as part of God's goodness. A world with no judgment would also be a world with no justice. The cross shows us that God does not ignore evil or suffering – He confronts it, and at the same time extends mercy. Lent invites us to consider how justice and grace meet, not in theory, but in the person of Jesus.

WEEK 3 Reading

Romans 3:21-26
John 12:31-33

Discipleship Questions

- What do we learn about God in this passage?
- What is God teaching the people in the passage?
- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you personally?
- What will you do with what God is teaching you?

WEEK 3 Questions

- How would a world without any form of judgment or justice actually function?
- In Romans 3, what words or phrases stand out to you when Paul describes what God is doing through Jesus?
- What do you notice about how justice and mercy appear together in this passage rather than in opposition?
- In John 12, Jesus speaks about the "judgment of this world." What do you think He means by that?
- How might Christians confuse being "judgmental" with longing for justice?
- How does seeing God bear judgment Himself at the cross reshape the way you view His character?