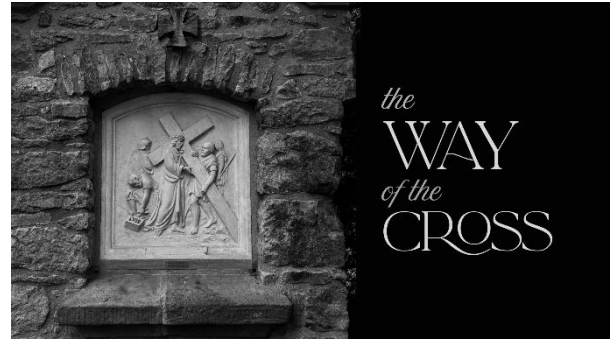


# Discipleship Group SERIES QUESTIONS



## *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 6 Background

This week we slow the pace and sit with a difficult but deeply comforting truth: **Jesus enters the depths of human suffering.** The cross is not only an act of rescue; it is also an act of solidarity. Scripture shows us a God who does not remain distant from pain, silence, or even death itself. Lent invites us to consider where God is when prayers feel unanswered and hope feels thin – and to discover that there is no place of darkness He refuses to enter.



### WEEK 6 Reading

Psalm 22:1-11

Philippians 2:5-11

### 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 6 Questions

- In Psalm 22, what emotions or images stand out to you? Why do you think Scripture preserves such raw language?
- What do these passages together reveal about God's posture toward human suffering?
- What is the difference between believing God will immediately remove pain and believing God is present within it?
- How does our culture typically respond to grief or unanswered questions – distraction, optimism, avoidance? What are the limits of those responses?
- What helps you remain open to God when you do not feel immediate relief or clarity?

