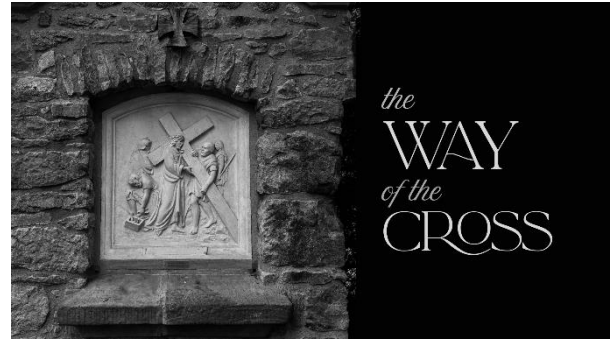


Discipleship Group SERIES QUESTIONS



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 2 Background

Scripture shows us that human brokenness is more than isolated mistakes. In Genesis we see trust fracture and relationships unravel, and in Romans we see how our desires and choices can be shaped by forces we don't always recognize. Lent invites us into honest reflection – not to produce shame, but to understand why grace matters and why we need rescue in the first place.

WEEK 2 Reading

Romans 8:1-11
Genesis 3:1-19

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 2 Questions

- In Genesis 3, what changes in the relationship between humans and God, each other, and creation after trust is broken?
- In Romans 8, what contrasts stand out between living "according to the flesh" and living "according to the Spirit"?
- What are some ways modern culture explains brokenness without using moral or spiritual language? What are the strengths and limits of those explanations?
- Why is it often easier to recognize problems in society than in our own hearts?
- If the problem is deeper than simple mistakes, how does that change the way we think about grace?