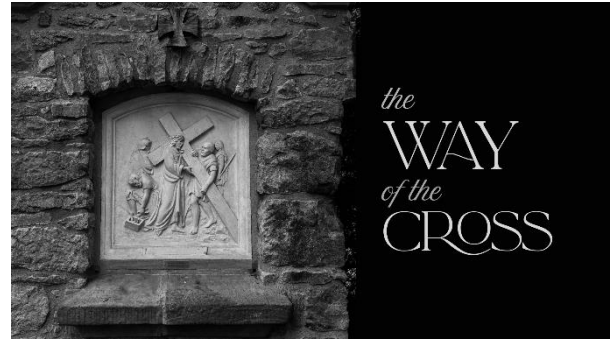


# Discipleship Group SERIES QUESTIONS



## *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 4 Background

This week we move from diagnosis to hope. Throughout Scripture, salvation is described not simply as improvement, but as **rescue** – God stepping into captivity and leading people into freedom. In Exodus, God hears the cries of the enslaved and acts decisively to bring them out. In Jesus, we see that same rescuing heart on the cross. Lent invites us to ask an honest question: *What holds authority in our lives – and what does it mean to belong to a God who brings people out and leads them into new life?*



### WEEK 4 Reading

Exodus 6:6-8, Colossians 2:13-15, Mark 10:45

### 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 4 Questions

- In Exodus 6, what verbs or promises stand out when God describes what He will do for His people?
- What images do you notice in Colossians 2 when Paul describes what Christ accomplishes at the cross?
- Jesus says He came to give His life as a ransom (Mark 10:45). What ideas or emotions come to mind when you hear the word *ransom*?
- What similarities do you see between God rescuing Israel from Egypt and Christ's work at the cross?
- What "masters" or pressures in modern culture promise freedom but often create more anxiety or bondage?
- If Christ has already won victory, why can freedom still feel gradual or uneven?