



THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Sermon Discussion Questions

Matthew 27:27-37 // Jesus Crucified

- In what ways has the crucifixion of Jesus become “familiar” to you? Do you find yourself taking the *mode* of his death for granted, even as you try to keep the *fact* of his death present in your mind?
- Why do you think Matthew doesn’t dig into the gory details of Jesus’s crucifixion? Are we tempted to over-glamorize the physical horrors of crucifixion?
- Pastor Joey said that to walk in the way of the cross is not to join Jesus just in his suffering, but in his shame as well. What do you think he means by that?
- How did the story of Jesus’s crucifixion strike you as we went through it on Sunday?
- How does the dehumanizing and degrading death of crucifixion parallel the dehumanizing and degrading effects of sin on ourselves, on the world, and on the people we come in contact with?
- The author of Hebrews reflects on the horrors of Jesus’s death by writing, “let us go to Jesus, outside the camp, and let us bear with him the shame he bore.” How do we do that?
- How did you feel at the end of hearing this sermon? How does your emotional response to Jesus’s suffering and crucifixion heighten your commitment to him?
- How will you and your community be shaped by the Way of the Cross?



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