

Sermon Discussion Guide:

The Crucifixion

Scripture: **Luke 23:33–38**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

Sunday, August 9, 2020

OVERVIEW

We have all felt shame for what we have done or what we have become. Shame can lead to real heartbreak and destruction in our lives if we do not find a cure. We experience this shame because of our guilt as sinners. What we see in scripture is that **the cross of Christ removes the shame of sinners**. On the cross, Jesus bore our sins and our shame as part of God's sovereign plan of redemption. In doing so, believers are made saints and adopted as children of God.

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Isaiah 53:12, Ephesians 1:7, Matthew 5:44, Hebrews 12:2, Galatians 3:3

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did the crucifixion of Christ accomplish?
2. Pastor Joe shared that the crucifixion was part of God's plan for redemption. Did Christ need to die in order to forgive, cleanse, and justify sinners? (Consider the prophecy in Isaiah 53.)
3. We have heard that Christ died to forgive us of our sin, but how does the cross of Christ also remove our shame?
4. What is the difference between shame and guilt? How should we respond to shame and guilt?
5. How do you respond when you sin or reflect on past sin? Are you shaming yourself and trying to remove the shame of your sin in ways besides the cross of Christ (e.g., dwelling on sin, beating up yourself spiritually and mentally, etc.)?