LENTEN STUDY

A Cross *in the* Heart *of* God

Reflections on the death of Jesus

Join Pastor Jacob this Lenten season on Wednesdays at 7pm (via Google Meet) and Sundays during worship as we explore the cross in the heart of God. We will explore the centrality of Jesus' crucifixion to Christianity and what it says about God's desire to be with us.

We will be reading *A Cross in the Heart of God: Reflections on the death of Jesus* by Samuel Wells (Norwich, UK: Canterbury Press, 2020). In this book, Wells explores the cross in the Old Testament, the Epistles, and the Gospels.

Limited copies of the book are available. See below for the reading guide for the discussion group. On the reverse side of this leaflet you will find this week's study guide.

If you would like a free copy of the book, need joining information, or have questions about this study, please contact Pastor Jacob (jacob@franklinumc.org).

DISCUSSION GROUP

WEDNESDAYS, 7 PM, VIA GOOGLE MEET

February 22	Introduction & Part I
March 1	Part II, Chapters 3-5
March 8	Part II, Chapters 6-8
March 15	Part III, Chapters 9-11
March 22	Part III, Chapters 12-14
March 29	Part IV, Chapters 15-17
April 5	Part IV, Chapters 18-20

WORSHIP

SUNDAYS, 10 AM
IN PERSON IN THE SANCTUARY
IN PERSON VIA GOOGLE MEET
STREAMING ON YOUTUBE

WORSHIP SERVICE RECORDINGS CAN BE FOUND ON YOUTUBE; VIDEOS OF THE REFLECTION CAN BE FOUND ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22

The following study guide was written by Samuel Wells and can be found in the final pages of *A Cross in the Heart of God: Reflections on the death of Jesus* (Norwich, UK: Canterbury Press, 2020).

READ

Introduction & Part I (chapters 1-2)

PRAY

God of mercy,
in Jesus you are with us always.
Be close to any who feel forsaken and alone.
Visit us in our place of abandonment
that we may know
that nothing can separate us from you.
In Christ your son our Lord. Amen.

TALK, LISTEN, WONDER

Tell about a time you thought, 'I only want to be with you.'
Tell about an occasion you felt profoundly without something or someone.
Tell about a time you felt the cross of Jesus really made sense to you.

I wonder what it was like for Jesus to feel forsaken.
I wonder with which of the main groups in the passion story you feel most at home.
I wonder if you feel you've been part of a community that was a 'context requiring an explanation'.

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