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 MARCH 1

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

Part II, Chapters 3-5

PRAY

God of today and forever,
in Christ you emptied yourself of all but love.
Shape the life of your church,
that in gestures of grace and in costly holiness
you may be made known in your humity
and your glory.
Through your crucified son. Amen.

TALK, LISTEN, WONDER

Tell about a time you thought or said, 'Never again.'
Tell about an occasion you were tested.
Tell about a time you thought, 'Nothing is more important than you.'

I wonder whether on the cross Jesus knew the Father would provide.
I wonder whether you've ever not wanted to be told the whole story.
I wonder if you've ever known someone who took terrible punishment to protect others.

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