

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

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| 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 15

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 III, Chapters 9-11

PRAY

Abiding God, you show us your face
in the heartbroken Father,
the crucified son
and the comforting Spirit.
Give us grace to walk with your children
when they are bereft, miserable or exhausted.
Give us thankful hearts
for those who have dwelt with us
when we could take it no more.
Embrace us in our times of grief,
that we may share with you in an eternity of
glory.
In Christ your son. Amen.

TALK, LISTEN, WONDER

Tell about a person who was your enemy but
ended up saving you.
Tell about a time you've been furious with
God.
Tell about a time you realized you'd used a
theory to hide from a simple truth.

I wonder what it feels like to realize you are
God's desire.
In wonder if your life has been captivated by
for to the detriment of *with*.
I wonder how it feels to sense that there's
more to the cross than you'd previously
realized.

NOTES AND PERSONAL REFLECTIONS
