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 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

Part III, Chapters 12-14

PRAY

God of mystery,
in the face of your crucified son
we see not anger but sorrow,
not judgement but mercy.
Open our hearts
to any who know only anger and judgement.
Seal us upon your arm and within your heart,
that we may know the freedom
that lies beyond anger and judgement,
in the companionship of your Spirit.
In Christ our Lord. Amen.

TALK, LISTEN, WONDER

Tell about a person you've known who seemed crazy but actually saw the truth better than anyone.
Tell about a time you did something crazy.
Tell about a time you saw someone at breaking point.

I wonder what it feels like to have incompatible loyalties.
I wonder what it's like to know you're sealed upon God's arm.
I wonder what the dirty work really is for you today.

NOTES AND PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

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