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 29

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 15-17

PRAY

Faithful God, in your crucified son
we see that you are never finished with us.
Empty our hearts of all but love,
that we may respond with mercy in the face of injustice,
and may find our home beside those
on whom the world turns its back.
In Christ your son. Amen.

TALK, LISTEN, WONDER

Tell about what time in your life you recall when you hear the word 'finished'.
Tell about when you realized you had to let go of a previous idea of what Christianity was.
Tell about a time you felt someone you were close to was going in the wrong direction.

I wonder what made Judas do it.
I wonder if you've touched a dead body.
I wonder whether you're more likely to airbrush out the water or the blood.

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