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 APRIL 5

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 18-20

PRAY

God of glory,
your son knew shame and ridicule.
Be close to any who are humiliated today.
Lead us to place our hands in your wounds
wherever we find them,
and give us strength to hang on to your love,
now and forever.
In Christ your son. Amen.

TALK, LISTEN, WONDER

Tell about when you took a huge risk for something really important.
Tell about when you have glimpsed paradise.
Tell about what your hands tell about what or who you love.

I wonder whether the fault lies mostly outside us or inside us.
I wonder what it's like to be ridiculed.
I wonder how you can hang on to a love that hangs on.

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