

# WEEK 6: Death of Death: The King Who Forgives and Absorbs Our Sin

## GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

### PREPARE

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### MAIN POINT

All other world religions say “strive” or “work your way to the top.” The cross makes the Christian faith unique because Jesus yelled out, “It is finished.” He wins us to Himself through weakness. He accomplishes our victory through death. His death is the death of our sin and our shame and the death of eternal death—if we believe in Him.

### LEAN IN BREAK THE ICE

**In a conflict with someone else, do you think it would be harder for you to be the person to ask for forgiveness when you have wronged another person, or would it be harder for you to be the person who needs to offer forgiveness to someone who has hurt you?**

**Have you ever had a massive debt or bill that you had to owe that someone came alongside and helped you with? What was that like? How did you feel?**

### LOOK DOWN LOOK AT GOD'S WORD

**Read John 19:16-30**

**Pick one detail that stands out to you about this scene. Which detail did you pick, and why?**

**Pilate wrote on the sign above Jesus, “The king of the Jews,” and the Pharisees wanted him to change it to say, “I am king of the Jews.” Pilate refused to change it. What is the point of this interaction?**

**In his sermon, Eric talked about how Jesus hanging naked on the cross calls back to the image of Adam in the Garden of Eden. Why is this connection significant?**

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**LOOK OUT  
IDENTIFY THE  
RELEVANCE OF GOD'S  
WORD IN THE WORLD**

**What makes the amazing story of Jesus' death on the cross for our sin so difficult for people to believe?**

**How does the victory that Jesus won through His death clash with our modern understanding of power?**

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**LOOK IN  
APPLY GOD'S WORD  
TO YOUR LIFE**

**In his sermon, Eric said that when it comes to Jesus, we really have three options for how we might respond, as we see in the story of His death. We can ridicule Jesus, reject Jesus, or receive Jesus. What does your life indicate you have chosen?**

**What does it look like to live for Jesus in our everyday lives knowing that He has already defeated death on our behalf?**

**Who might you need to forgive this week in light of the forgiveness you have through the death and Resurrection of Jesus?**