

Sermon Discussion and Application Guide

The Way of the Cross

Sunday, March 26, 2023

1. Open with prayer.
2. Read the passages. Mark 8:27-33, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, and Philippians 2:5-8.
3. Observe:
 - a. What do you see? Who? When? Where? Why?
 - b. Are there any principles, warnings, commands?
 - c. Are there behaviors, attitudes, and practices that are encouraged or discouraged?
 - d. What does it tell us about God? What does it tell us about ourselves?
4. Interpret:
 - a. What is the main point of the passages?
 - b. Any significant subpoints?
5. From the sermon:
 - a. The disciples had a hard time grasping Jesus' call to suffer and serve. We often give them grief for how they handled situations, but do we struggle with this too?
 - b. What is something God has called you to do that you really didn't want to do?
 - c. Have you seen God use someone's weakness or past failures for his glory?
 - d. Paul says he "rejoices in his weakness". Why is this a hard concept for us?
 - e. What excuses do we tell ourselves to ignore God's calling on our lives?
6. Apply:
 - a. What can we do in response to these passages?
 - b. How can you live differently in light of these truths?
7. Pray:
 - a. Pray for one another as you seek to apply what God has shown you in his Word.