

Greetings,

Welcome to this week's online Connection Group meeting. Your participation in these meetings will give you an opportunity to connect with other Christ-like minded believers who will encourage you in your walk with the Lord. You will also get to grow yourself in the word of God as you study the bible together. This platform will also give you an opportunity to bless others with your unique gifts. In this season of social distancing it is important that you keep the ambers of fellowship alight by staying connected. So, don't be left out, be part of today's meeting and bless someone!

This week is considered to be the Holy Week. In church history, this is the time when Jesus willingly took himself to Jerusalem to be crucified on the cross for you. In the sermon, Pastor Walker gave a detailed account on the Humiliating events that led up to the death of this innocent man. For you to further appreciate the sacrificial death of the cross, join in today's study.

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God bless you!

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THIS WEEK'S STUDY: THE DEATH ON A CROSS

A Getting to Know Each Other

What is the biggest sacrifice you have ever made for someone else and why did you do it?

B Digging Deeper and Application

Key Text ESV: Philippians 2:5-11, Isaiah 53:4-6, 1 Peter 2:24 and Psalm 25:6-11

1. Jesus gave up his divine privileges and took up the humble position of a slave. **Philippians 2:7**
What things do you need to give up for His sake in your life?
2. Jesus came to this Earth on a mission: to ultimately die on the cross for you. But before His actual death, he displayed an exemplary life:
 - He humbled himself to the point of death
 - He was submissive to the Father's will to the point of death
 - He avoided easier ways to die and chose to die a humiliating death on the cross.
 - He was betrayed by a friend and still loved him
 - He was denied by a friend and still forgave him
 - He was falsely accused and never defended himself
 - He traded places with a criminal even though he was innocent.

How can such outstanding acts be exemplified in your life today?

3. Though He (Jesus) was God, He did not think of that equality with God as something to cling to, but he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. **Philippians 2:6-8**. List in detail the substitutionary work of the cross and explain how you appreciate this work in your life. **Read Isaiah 53:4-6 and 1 Peter 2:24**
4. In a sermon, Charles Spurgeon said this about the cup that Jesus took: *"There was the cup; hell was in it; the Savior drank it—not a sip, and then a pause; not a draught, and then a ceasing; but He drained it till there is not a dreg left for any of His people! The great ten-thronged whip of the law was worn out upon His back; there is no lash left with which to smite one for whom Jesus died! The great bombardment of God's justice has exhausted all its ammunition; there is nothing left to be hurled against a child of God"*. **Matthew 26:39**

Explain how you understand this quote in your own words and how this truth impacts your life.

C Take Home

Take time to meditate on the journey to the cross that Jesus made for you. From the moment he put aside his divinity and took up humanity he was constantly thinking of you through all the pain and suffering. How great is this love?