

Confirmation Small Group Time

(New Testament - Class 6: The Passion - Death of Jesus)

Theme Verse: John 3:16 - *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

Highs and Lows...

Choose one of the following quotes that speaks to you and share why you chose it.

"His brokenhearted cry on the cross, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do," shows God's heart toward sinners." - John R. Rice

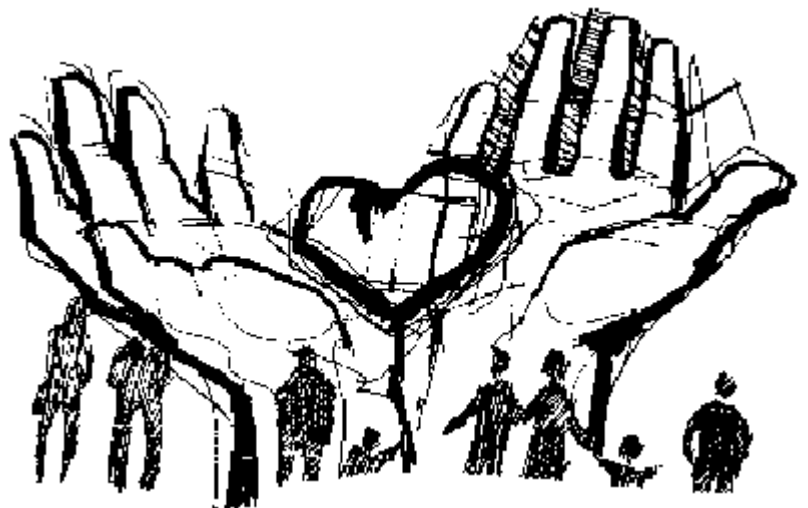
"God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.'" - Billy Graham

"Jesus Christ lived in the midst of his enemies. At the end all his disciples deserted him. On the Cross he was utterly alone, surrounded by evildoers and mockers. For this cause he had come, to bring peace to the enemies of God." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Jesus went to the cross to show us the depth of God's love - the cross is how far God will go for you! That unconditional love, grace changes everything." - Pastor David

Choose questions from the following to feed the discussion on the topic:

1. *Why did Jesus die?*
2. *What difference does His death make?*
3. *Couldn't God have shown His love in a different way, not so gross?*
4. *Next week we'll talk about the resurrection. In order for Jesus to be raised, He first had to die. Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important?*



(Try and memorize the theme verse.)