



Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

“Three Wooden Crosses”

Points from Sunday’s Message

1. Jesus’ crucifixion was the one and only solution for our sin.
2. Our response to forgiveness should be freedom for ourselves and forgiveness for others.
3. Our attitude toward death should be formed knowing that Jesus has conquered sin and death.

Key Verse:

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

— Romans 5:8

Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you most about the crucifixion as Pastor Mark described it?
 - How does understanding the brutality and intentionality of the cross impact your appreciation for Christ’s sacrifice?
2. Pastor Mark said, “We can’t blame anyone else — we killed Jesus.”
 - How does that statement sit with you? What does it mean personally to take responsibility for Jesus’ death?
3. The message emphasized that our response to forgiveness should be both freedom and forgiveness.
 - In what areas of your life are you walking in freedom? In what areas do you still feel bound — perhaps by bitterness, guilt, or shame?

4. Forgiveness is often hardest when we're right. Is there someone in your life you've struggled to forgive because they haven't apologized or admitted wrongdoing? What would it look like to release them anyway?
 - Further Reading: Matthew 18:21–22, Colossians 3:12–13, Luke 6:35–36
5. Pastor Mark gave the illustration of God "taking away your plates."
 - Have you ever experienced a season where God slowed you down to get your attention? What might He have been trying to show you?
6. The message ended with the reality of death and the hope we have in Christ. How has Jesus' victory over sin and death changed the way you view aging, illness, or the loss of loved ones?
 - Further Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54–57, John 11:25–26, Revelation 21:4

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.