



Community Groups are used extensively as the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering and run on a quarter system. There is one in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring. During the summer weeks we don't meet in Community Groups but we still offer the Growth Guides as a tool to help you grow personally. The Growth Guides are designed to help you dig deeper into the weekly sermon on your own or with your family and are available each week along with the note sheets at church as well as online.

USE THIS GUIDE TO PREPARE FOR THE DISCUSSIONS IN COMMUNITY GROUP.

Consider...

Use the summary and discussion below to review and apply this week's message:

Message Summary

*Sometimes we are too quick to say that Jesus died for everyone, and as a result we don't see that Jesus died for every **one**. At the cross, everyone becomes every ONE, and in this message, Paul shows us who Jesus saw from the cross and how there is always room at the cross for the guilty to become the forgiven.*

Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- Paul showed a painting entitled "What Jesus Saw From the Cross" that showed the crowd at the foot of the cross from Jesus' perspective on the cross. What were some reactions you had when you saw it?
- The Big Idea stated that at the cross, everyone becomes every one. Where we see a crowd, Jesus sees individuals in the crowd. In other words, Jesus never lost sight of a person when he was looking at people. Read Matthew 9:36-38 and discuss what happened when Jesus saw the crowd.
- Have you ever felt "thrust" into a situation for Jesus like Simon? How did you respond? Did you stay unwilling or did you have a change of heart?
- Paul mentioned those grieving loss as a group that Jesus saw from the cross. Read Philippians 3:10-11 and talk about the cost associated with following Jesus. What are some losses you've grieved as a result of your faith?
- The message of the cross may seem foolish to some, but the power of the cross has always been available to all! Take the time to read the following passages and discuss the power of the cross and how the guilty and become the forgiven as a result of what Jesus did on it. Galatians 2:20; 3:13; 6:14; Colossians 1:20; 2:14; 1 Peter 2:24-25; 1 John 2:2