



Sunday Takeaways April 5, 2020

The following are discussion questions based on the sermon, Darkness, in our Crucial sermon series on Sunday, April 5th. These questions can be used as a resource to guide discussion after viewing the message from our pastor. We hope these will be a great resource for you as you come together to dig deeper into God's word.

1. What do you think was the main point of Pastor Michael's "Darkness" sermon?
2. In the sermon, Pastor Michael said, "Usually, you can't see anything in the dark, not even your hand in front of your face. But, in the darkness on the cross, God's love has never been more visible." How does the Cross makes God's love visible?
3. In the current darkness and heaviness of the pandemic and quarantine, how is God's love visible?
4. As a review, Pastor Michael walked us through Jesus' last week from the Triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the trials, to the betrayal by a friend, to Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross. Of all the events of the final week, at what point, would you consider was Jesus' darkest hour? Why?
5. Have you ever experienced a really "dark" time in your life? If yes, what did you do to overcome it?
6. Why do you think Jesus cried out from the cross, "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" Why is this experience important to us?
7. In what ways did Jesus' life and sufferings provide Him with experiences that would help us to have a closer personal connection with Him?

Scripture References:

Psalm 22

Mark 15:21-39

Romans 5:6-8

Hebrews 2:17; 4:15,16

1 Corinthians 15:51-56