

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

OPEN: On a scale of one to ten (ten representing a total understanding and embracing the cross of Christ), where do you think the average follower of Jesus is today? Why?

DIG: What are some of the greatest obstacles that challenge you as it relates to following Jesus to the cross? Describe any victories you've had in surrendering an attitude, resentment, habit, temptation, idol, or preoccupation under the cross of Jesus.

In what ways has following Jesus cost you something?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-2 and Galatians 5:24. How important was the message of the cross to Paul? How do you think this message resonates in the church today?

REFLECT: Read Luke 9:23. Why do you think Jesus speaks of cross-bearing as a daily activity? Is this something you consciously think about? If not, what might help you establish this pattern? If so, what does it mean to you to deny self, take up your cross daily, and follow Christ?