

The Road to Calvary To be Near the Cross

How was your week?

Is there anything we can help you with as a Church Family?

What is your favorite Hymn? Why?

Do you reflect on the words of a hymn or just sing it?

Have you ever read the words from of the hymn Jesus keep me near the cross and thought about the meaning?

If so what did you get from them?

If you have not read them, read them before class and share with the group your meaning.

John 19:23-30

***What do we find the soldiers doing? Why did they do that?**

***Why do you think John brought this scene to our minds?**

***Where can we find this scripture?**

***What does it mean near the cross? Symbolic or really?**

***Was it important for John to name each one there? Why?**

***Where do you think the other disciples were at?**

***What made John risk his life to be there?**

***Have you ever considered what Mary was feeling?**

***What does May Magdalene presents there tell you about her?**

***What did Jesus mean here is your son? Was he speaking of himself or John?**

***Why did Jesus tell John here is your Mother?**

***What was the jar of wine vinegar for?**

***Why did Jesus refuse it?**

***What did Jesus mean it is finished?**

Luke 8:1-2

***In Jesus' time and culture what was it like for women?**

***What does this say about Jesus' ministry then and now?**

***Was Mary Magdalene her name are did Magdalene stand for something?**

***She followed Jesus even after being healed what does that tell you about her?**

***Who was Joanna?**

***Could her presents with Jesus cause a problem in her family**

***Who was Susanna?**

***What good deed were they doing**

Luke 9:51-56

- *What does this tell us about James and John?**
- *Do you think they were mean men or just a slave to their culture?**
- *What does it mean it was approaching time for him to be taken to heaven?**
- *What does verse 52 mean?**
- *Why would they not welcome him because he was headed to Jerusalem?**
- *What does Jesus' rebuke teach us?**

1 John 1:9

- *What does this mean to you that John went from wanting to wipeout a whole race of people to being the Apostle of Love?**
- *What is the most important word for us to understand?**
- *What does it mean Faithful and true?**
- *What does it mean to confess?**

Matthew 20:20-24

- *What is it inside us that recoils at the idea of serving others?**
- *Why do some parents try so hard to plan and run their children's lives?**
- *What favor did James and John's mother ask Jesus?**
- *How did Jesus respond to the request that James and John get special treatment?**
- *What curious question did Jesus ask James and John?**
- *How did James and John answer Jesus' question?**
- *What did Jesus promise James and John?**
- *Does this mean Jesus would know how they would die?**
- *How did James die?**
- *How did John die?**
- *According to Jesus, who will decide the positions of honor and authority in the kingdom of God?**
- *In what ways might you have to suffer for the sake of Christ?**

Acts 26:18

Read and discuss