

CROSS PATHS

REALLY? – PART 2

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- You can find some on page 6 [here](#).
- Who is someone well known that your path crossed with?

START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- What about the Cross do you think Americans question/wonder about?
- What would cause Jesus to weep over America?
- Read the scriptures on the next page in preparation for the following conversation.

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- What is your first memory of the cross of Jesus?
- Read Luke 19:41-44. What part of your life do you think Jesus was weeping over you, because you didn't recognize/respond to "what would bring you peace?"
- Whose "blindness" to their potential freedom causes you to weep?
- Scene The Last Supper. Jesus comes over to wash your feet. What are you thinking? What do you say?
- Read Luke 22:24-27. When are you the greatest? How can you be greater? Be specific.
- Read Mark 14:32-37. Scene: Gethsemane. Mark shared how Jesus could have just walked one hour West and be safe. He chose sacrifice instead of self. Tell of a time when you did the same, because of Christ.
- Read Luke 17:33. Read it again. Again. Memorize it as a group.

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father. Open the eyes of my heart, I want to recognize what You are doing in my life. Bend the knees of my heart, I want to be great. In the Name of the Greatest, Jesus. Amen.

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- This week when you have a chance to take the way out, take the way forward.

Luke 19:41-44 (NIV)

41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it

42 and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes.

43 The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side.

44 They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

Luke 22:24-27 (NIV)

24 Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest.

25 Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors.

26 But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.

27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

Mark 14:32-37 (NIV)

32 They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

33 He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled.

34 "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

35 Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him.

36 "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

37 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?"

Luke 17:33 (NIV)

33 Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.