

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

# The Shadow of the Cross

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**Hebrews 12:2** Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him **endured** the cross, despising the shame...

**I.** Jesus endured \_\_\_\_\_.

(Ps 22:1, Is. 53:3, Matt 26:56, Jn 16:32)

**II.** Jesus endured \_\_\_\_\_.

(Is. 50:6, 52:14, Mt. 27:26, Mk, 14:64, Jn. 19:1)

**III.** Jesus endured \_\_\_\_\_.

(Ps. 22:6-8, Mt 27:28-29, 39-40, Mk 14:65, 15:29-32, Lk 22:63-64)

**IV.** Jesus endured \_\_\_\_\_.

(Mk 15:13-14, Lk 23:35-37, Jn 19:18, 1 Cor. 1:23, Gal. 3:13)

**2 Corinthians 5:21** God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

### The \_\_\_\_\_ Exchange

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- What emotions arise when you reflect on the cross? (Gratitude, guilt, awe, confusion) Share with one another.
- How does the graphic details of Jesus' suffering change the way you view sin and grace?
- Are there any areas of your life that have become numb to the cross?
- What does the cross reveal about the holiness of God and His inability to overlook sin? What does it reveal about His mercy and grace?
- In your own words, why do we often treat sin so lightly when it cost Jesus so dearly?
- Does Jesus being treated as the "most sinful one" change the way you view your own sin?
- What's harder for you to believe: that Jesus sees all your sin and shame – or that He loves you and calls you His?
- The Great Exchange in 2 Corinthians 5:21 is radical: Our sin for His righteousness. Share with one another some additional verses that reminds us of our identity in Christ.
- Share with one another three people that you'd like to invite to come to church with you for Easter. Pray for them and invite them!

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**Next Week:** *From Darkness to Light - Part Two*  
*"The Radiance of Resurrection"*