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Week 28: Cross Examination

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### Introduction:

#### Christ's Words from the Cross: Jesus Was Focused On...

1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ with being restored (Matt. 27:46; Mark 15:34)

"My God, My God! Why have You forsaken me?"

2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ being secured (Luke 23:34)

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing!"

3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ being exercised (Luke 23:43)

"I tell you the truth – today you will be with me in paradise."

4. Our \_\_\_\_\_ being glorified (Luke 23:46)

"Into Your hands I commit my spirit"

5. God's \_\_\_\_\_ being formed (John 19:26-27)

"Dear woman, here is your son...(and)...here is your mother."

6. His \_\_\_\_\_ to our humanity (John 19:28)

"I am thirsty"

7. His mission being \_\_\_\_\_ (John 19:30)

"It is finished."

#### The Big Idea:

No matter how excruciating the suffering you are facing, Jesus' entire life – and especially His final hours on the cross – reveal a startling reality: HE UNDERSTANDS!

## SMALL GROUP Q'S

### Personal Life:

1. Jesus' crucifixion had a profound and immediate effect on the disciples. Whose death has affected you the most during your lifetime and why?
2. God's grace is seen through Jesus in that His focus was totally selfless as He endured the cross. Besides Jesus, who else has treated you in a selfless manner and how has it impacted your life?

### Ponderings:

3. Of the seven statements uttered by Jesus from the cross – which is the one you typically live in the greatest awareness of? Which do you most easily forget and why do you think this is the case?
  - a. our fellowship with God being restored (eternal security)
  - b. our forgiveness being secured (shame removed from our lives)
  - c. our faith being exercised (the call to trust in Him alone)
  - d. our Father being glorified (trust-based obedience to the Father)
  - e. His family being formed (belonging to a new eternal community)
  - f. His faithfulness to our humanity (Jesus being able to empathize)
  - g. the fulfillment of His mission (the total sufficiency of His sacrifice)
4. You are on a public bus and the person sitting next to you says, "I would like to believe in Jesus, but I just don't understand how a man dying on the cross could really pay for my sins." You have 3 minutes until the person will be getting off the bus.....GO!
5. As we prepare to head into portions of the Book of Acts and the Epistles in the weeks ahead, try to express your understanding of the following theological ideas, providing definitions/descriptions as best you can...

- forgiveness	- justification	- sanctification	- repentance
- justice	- redemption	- righteousness	- sovereignty
- grace	- faith	- hope	- love

### Promptings:

6. Based on Christ's seven statements from the cross, spend a moment in silence choosing ONE to focus on in the week ahead. State aloud to your group the one you've chosen and why – then pray that God would give you fresh grace and insight to understand and experience this reality more deeply in the week ahead...