

LifeGroup Study

What We Talk About...The Cross : The Cost

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SERMON SUMMARY

We often treat our spiritual lives like a DIY renovation, but the Bible describes it as a high-stakes hostage rescue. Jesus paid a ransom we couldn't afford to move us from a prison into the freedom of His family. Because we've been bought with the highest currency in the universe, we now live not as people trying to pay God back, but as a "treasured possession" finally at home in the safety of His grace.

KEY VERSE

Mark 10:45

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

SERMON NOTES

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1. What ideas from the sermon caught your attention?
2. Read 1 Peter 1:18-19. Peter notes we weren't redeemed with "perishable things like silver or gold," but with the "precious blood of Christ." This "price" reveals the "weight" of the problem of sin. How does this change how we think about sin?
3. If your life was bought with the highest currency in the universe, how does that help you combat feelings of worthlessness or "imposter syndrome" this week?
4. Read Mark 10:45. If Jesus describes His death as a "payment" to a captor, it implies we were in a prison we couldn't bribe our way out of. When you look at the "chains" in your life do you find yourself trying to "pick the lock" with your own effort, or can you lean into the reality that the price has already been handed over, and the cell door is already unlocked?
5. When you fail, is your first instinct to try and "repay" God with better behavior (a transaction), or can you sit in the safety that the cross covers your sin?
6. Read Exodus 15:13. Redemption is always a movement out of somewhere and into somewhere else. Looking back at your life, what is one "Egypt" God has physically or emotionally pulled you out of?
7. If your life now belongs to God, where are you still letting your "old boss" (Sin) call the shots? Is there a specific habit, worry, or mindset where you are acting like a slave to your past instead of a child of the King?
8. Jesus purchased our forgiveness as a great cost. Is there someone in your life that you need to forgive at great cost?
9. Read Psalm 49:7-8, 15. If we are truly powerless to pay our own way out of sin, how does that change the way you view people who are "stuck" in sin?
10. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. What do you think this verse means and how does it apply to our lives?

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we admit we cannot pick the locks of our own sin. Our debt was too high. But You did not come to be served, but to serve. You gave Your life as the ransom for our freedom. Thank you for forgiving us. Remind us that we are no longer our own, we have been bought with the highest currency in the universe. Remind us that our value is not in our performance, but in Your blood. The cell door is open, the debt is cancelled, and we are Yours. May we forgive others as freely as You have redeemed us. Lead us into Your light. Amen.