

QUESTIONS FOR JESUS

Part 2: Jesus, Was Dying Worth It?

Big Idea

Forgiveness was never free. Someone always pays. The remarkable thing about the cross isn't that someone had to. It's who chose to.

Key Scriptures

Romans 5:8

Philippians 2:6–8

Luke 22:42

Hebrews 12:2

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever tried to cover up a mistake only to find out later that the other person already knew? What happened?
- When you were a teenager, did you ever give a parent a "creative" version of a story? How did that go?
- Chris's car story showed that even when he was forgiven, the cost of the damage still had to be paid. Have you ever been in a situation where someone forgave you, but the consequences didn't just disappear? What did that feel like?
- Think about a time you chose to forgive someone. What did that actually cost you: emotionally, relationally, financially? Where did that cost go?

- What stood out to you most from the message this week?

Read Romans 5:8

- Paul says God showed his love, not announced it. What's the difference between showing love and just saying you love someone?
- Paul wrote this knowing he had personally persecuted Christians. How do you think that shaped the way he understood the phrase "while we were still sinners"?
- Is there any part of your life where you find it hard to believe that this kind of love extends to you too? What makes it difficult?

Read Philippians 2:6–8

- Paul says Jesus didn't cling to his position or status, he gave it up. What does it look like in your everyday life to not cling to status or privilege when someone else needs something from you?
- Chris said: "Jesus didn't send a solution to sin, he became it." What does it mean to you personally that God didn't delegate this, he showed up himself?

Read Luke 22:42 and Hebrews 12:2

- Jesus prayed to be let off the hook, and then stayed anyway. Chris said this wasn't weakness; it was someone fully counting the cost. Do you think there's a difference between those two things? What does it look like in real life?
- Hebrews says Jesus endured the cross because of the joy on the other side. What was that joy? And what does it tell you about how God sees you?
- The closing question Chris left us with was: "What does it mean that someone decided I was worth that?" Sit with that for a moment. What comes up for you?
- For someone exploring faith for the first time — does the idea of a God who absorbs the cost rather than just overlooking the mess make a difference to how you think about him? Why or why not?

Challenge Question (For Takeaway):

This week, sit with the question Chris ended with: "What does it mean that someone decided I was worth that?"

Try this three-part practice — The Garden Practice:

1. Sit — Find a quiet moment and let yourself actually feel the weight of the cross story, not just think about it.
2. Name — Name the cost. Think of a relationship, a mistake, or a pattern in your life where a cost was paid — by you or by someone else.
3. Receive — Ask yourself honestly: have you received what Jesus says is already yours? If not, what's stopping you?