

# Discussion Questions

April 6, 2025

1. On Sunday, we looked at the passage in Matthew 27:45-47, Mark 15:33-34 and Psalm 22. Read those passages again.
2. John 8:29 and John 16:31-32 states that God would not abandon Christ, even when all others would. What do those passages reveal about God? What does the above passage reveal about us?
3. 2 Corinthians 5:21 in the New Living Translation has captured the original language's meaning pertaining to Christ's work on the cross when it states, "For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the **offering for our sin**, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."

How does this change your understanding of whether or not God "abandoned" his Son, even if for a brief moment?

4. Psalm 22 is a lament of David as he looks at the difficulties around him. He acknowledges his despair but also acknowledges his trust in God to bring victory. Even in his lament, David's response is a call to Praise and worship.

How have you been able to worship even in the midst of extreme difficulty?

5. Have there been times when you have felt abandoned? Why? What was going on? Have you had time to reflect on that time? What was really happening?
6. Hebrews 13:5 states, "...Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." This is a quote from Joshua 1:5. What is happening in Joshua 1?
7. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 states, We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. How does this verse help make sense of difficult times? How do these words bring encouragement?
8. Who can you pray for and come along side to be a physical and emotional comfort and presence today? What is one action you will do to be a part of God's presence and comfort for that person?