



**Last week's follow up: Where did you see the effects of sin in your life and world last week?**

1. What was the best news you ever remember hearing?
2. The word "gospel" means good news. Take a moment and try to write down what the "good news" of the Christian faith is in just a few sentences, then share what you wrote with the group.
3. **Read Romans 1:1-6.** We talked about the words "Cradle, Cross and Crown" in the videos. Can you find those 3 ideas in this Romans passage that describes the gospel?
4. How does verse 3 describe Jesus as both God and man?
5. Jesus, the Son of God, is called Immanuel, meaning "God with us." Why is it important to you that God became a man and walked with us on earth?
6. Why did Jesus die? (Leaders, you may have students look up and read the following verses: Mark 10:45; John 3:16; 15:13; Romans 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:10; 1 John 3:16; Colossians 2:15).
7. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-22.** What does "resurrection" mean? According to this passage, why is the resurrection essential to Christian faith?
8. How much does God love you? Have you ever truly believed that Christ died for you? If that's true, how does it change your life?

This Week: Spend some time responding to God in prayer. Consider reading Mark 8-16 to learn about Christ's death for you. Pray or journal your thoughts about the "good news" of our faith.

For Further Study:

- *Exploring Christian Theology* vol. 2 by Nathan Holsteen and Michael Svigel
- *50 Reasons Jesus Came to Die* by John Piper
- *The Cross of Christ* by John Stott