

Why did **Jesus** have to **die**?

Discussion Questions

1. **Debriefing the Weekly Practice from Last Week:** The Weekly Practice last week was to go on a 20-minute prayer walk around your neighborhood. How did that go for you? What was encouraging? What was a struggle?

PLAY WEEK 3 VIDEO

Weekly Practice

Find your “third place” and go there once this week. Be available to meet or talk with someone.

2. If a friend asked you why Jesus had to die, how could you respond in words and ideas that he/she could understand? How could you use the story of Maximilian Kolbe volunteering to die in place of a stranger? How could verses like Romans 3:23 and 1 Peter 2:24 assist you?
3. Imagine you're the prison guard in Corrie Ten Boom's story, asking for her forgiveness. How would receiving her forgiveness change your life? How does that story provide more perspective on God's forgiveness of you?
4. Corrie acknowledged that she was only able to forgive the prison guard because God's love was “streaming” through her. How have you experienced God empowering you to forgive someone?
5. Aaron introduced the “Coffee - Dinner - Gospel” strategy to help us build relationships with non-believers. Why do you think this progression is so important? In Week 5, you'll have an opportunity to invite someone from your Week 1 list to coffee (or something similar). Thinking specifically about a particular person on your list, what are some questions you could ask to express interest in their personal life before you get into spiritual issues?

6. Aaron talked about how people can feel uncomfortable in discussing their personal beliefs (Sacred/Secular divide). Over time, have you ever been able to move a conversation with a friend into spiritual questions? If so, how?
7. ***Weekly Practice:*** Think about the “third place” concept from the training video. This week, plan to identify and then visit a third place (e.g., neighborhood, gym, park, coffee shop, grocery store, Home Depot, etc.). Pray that you’ll be attentive to what the Holy Spirit might be saying to you about the people you might meet or observe. Don’t hurry. Be available to talk with someone. Ask the Holy Spirit how you can pray for people. Ask Him to grow your own heart with compassion for their needs. Feel free to write down any observations. Be prepared to share your experiences with the group next week.
8. Now, as a group, spend about 5 minutes in individual prayer asking God to move in your heart as you prepare to visit your third place. We encourage you to journal your thoughts as you pray. Then, after sharing the location of your third place with the group, wrap-up your time together by praying for each other.