



Discussion Guide for “Jesus, Crucified, Died and Buried” *Believe Week 5*

Sin is a word we don't like to talk about, but we've all felt the weight of failure when we miss the mark. In Jesus' crucifixion, we find a God who responds to our sin not with condemnation but love. We find freedom from our sin and for our calling.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Romans 7:14-25](#)

[Hebrews 12:5-11](#)

[John 3:16-17](#)

[Mark 8:31-35](#)

[Galatians 2:17-21](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

A sacred reading is a method of reading Scripture that invites God to speak to us through the text. If you have never done a sacred reading, here is [a simple step-by-step guide](#). This week's passage is [Hebrews 12:5-11](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. What associations do you have with the idea of Sin? Did you relate to Debbie's metaphor of a suffocating vest?
2. We too often assume that because God hates sin, God hates sinners. But why does God's hatred of sin grow from God's love of sinners?
3. How does Jesus' death on the Cross demonstrate God's love for us?
4. Jesus' death frees us from the weight of sin. What does his death free us *for*?
5. What does believing Jesus died on the cross look like in your life this week?