



Discussion Guide for “The Miracle of a Cross”

Bad Deal Week 4

It's one thing to ask if Jesus is really with us in hard times. It's quite another to ask if we're willing to stay with Jesus in those same hard times. Jesus wants us to have a mature, vibrant faith, one that is strong enough to support us as we follow him everywhere - even in the worst times.

Scriptures for Further Reading

Deuteronomy 6:16-17; Psalm 91:11-12; Matthew 4:5-7; John 6:22-59

click here to [read all scriptures](#)

Read Dostoevsky's "[The Grand Inquisitor](#)"

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [John 6:22-59](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. If you got three wishes, what would you ask for? (No wishing for more wishes!)
2. What kind of 'benefits packages' motivate people to begin a life of faith?
3. Have you experienced the limits of a faith that's built on blessings? Discuss.
4. Revisit Jesus' encounter in John 6. Why was he being so difficult? What was his
5. JR. said the question for hard times isn't, "God, are you with me?" but rather "Am I with God?" What did he mean? Do you agree?