**Mark 15:21-47**

**“The Greatest Gift”**

**Discussion Questions**

1. What do you think is the most horrid way to die? Why?
2. Talk about Jesus’ thoughts and feelings leading up to being nailed to the cross. What about while He was hanging on the cross?
3. Why did Jesus have to die? Could there have been another way to save humanity? Talk about how Jesus’ death accomplished our salvation.
4. Read Psalm 22:1-10. What similarities do you see with this psalm of David and Jesus?
5. Who are the people in this passage who reject the greatest gift, that is, Jesus? What do they do? Why is that?
6. Who are the people who receive the greatest gift and display trust in Jesus? What do they do? Why is that?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18. What does this verse mean? Why does our salvation depend on the cross?

8. How does the message cross compel you to live your life? Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21.