

Discussion Questions

The Parable of the Lost Son - Luke 15:11 – 24

- 1 Why did the son decide to leave home?
What was he hoping for?
- 2 What was life like in the far country?
- 3 How does this compare with your experience of life without God?
- 4 What made the son decide to go home?
- 5 What does he decide to do?
- 6 What does the picture of the father tell us about what God is like?
- 7 What is your reaction to the Crucifixion?
- 8 Do you feel that sin is an outdated concept?
- 9 Is it something you think about?
- 10 How do you respond to the words “sin” and “forgiveness”?



Alpha

A Practical Introduction to Christianity

Session 3 Why Did Jesus Die?

Introduction

The Problem

The Solution

The Result

Conclusions

Introduction

The Cross lies at the heart of the Christian faith

1 Corinthians 2:1 - 5

I Corinthians 1:20 - 25

The Problem

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” – Romans 3:23

The results of sin:

- Pollution of sin - Mark 7:20 – 23
- Power of sin – John 8:34
- Penalty for sin – Romans 6:23
- Partition of sin – Isaiah 59:2

The Solution

The self-substitution of God

- 2 Corinthians 5:16 - 21
- Galatians 3:10 - 14
- 1 Peter 2:23 - 25

The agony of the Cross

- Isaiah 53:4 - 6

The Result in Four Images

1 The Temple

- Pollution of sin removed
- Romans 3:24
- Hebrews 10:4
- 1 John 1:7

2 The Market Place

- Power of Sin Broken
- Romans 3:24
- John 8:36

3 The Law Court

- Justified freely by His grace
- Penalty of sin paid
- Romans 3:25
- John 1:29 – 31

4 The Home – Reconciliation Partition of sin destroyed

- 2 Corinthians 5:19

Conclusions

Righteous from God

- Romans 3:22
- Isaiah 53.6

Jesus died for you and me

- Galatians 2:20