**CROSS OF CHRIST (MATTHEW 27)**

**CONNECT**—Think of a fun-icebreaker question to ask. For example, what has been the all time greatest Halloween costume that you have worn? Bonus points, if you can find a picture.

**DISCUSS**

What most stood out to you from Justin’s sermon this past week? What was one of your big takeaways?

**Read Matthew 27**

What strikes you?

What is the significance of the example of Judas? What are some of Pilate’s motives in this passage? How can we be like Pilate sometimes?

What do you notice about Jesus during the trial, scourging, and crucifixion? Why was Jesus’ death so bloody? If someone asked you, “Why did Jesus have to die?” What would you say?

**Read Romans 3:21-26.** What do these verses say about why Jesus had to die?

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.** What does this verse say about why Jesus had to die?

**1 Corinthians 15:54-57.** What does this verse say about why Jesus had to die?

When did the Cross become precious to you? What was it that made the Cross precious for you?

**RELATE**—Consider splitting into guys and girls for this section.

What has been your biggest spiritual highlight this week? What has been your biggest spiritual struggle this week? What is one action step that you are going to take this week in light of this discussion?

**IMPACT** (Invite, Engage, Share)

Talk about your Life Group decorating a Trunk for Trunk or Treat