

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of April 2, 2017

This Week's Focus: Jesus is the once-and-for-all sacrifice prophesied in the Old Testament whose shed blood permanently purchased our redemption.

This Week's Text: John 19:17-27

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." **2 Corinthians 5:21**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What are the similarities and differences between Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac and Jesus? Do you daily count on Jesus Christ and his righteousness or on your own merits? 2 Corinthians 5:21
- What was affixed to Jesus' cross? Why was it placed there, and why was it written in three languages? What are some ironies that you notice regarding this sign?
- Discuss how Jesus' instructions to his mother and John were practical, theological, charitable, and communal. How does this impact us today?
- Jesus broke tradition by telling John (outside his family) to care for his mother Mary. What does this teach us about the relationship we have with other believers? Do you consider the community (or your community group) at King's Chapel family?
- Why is it significant that Jesus' tunic was seamless as was the tunic worn by the Old Testament priests?
- What was the Day of Atonement? Reference Leviticus 16. Discuss how Jesus permanently fulfills the roles of sacrificial lamb and scapegoat.
- What do verses 23-24 teach us about Jesus and God's plan of redemption?
- How does this passage encourage you to declare and demonstrate the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?