1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE WISDOM AND POWER OF THE CROSS - (SERMON MP3)

In preparation for the Easter season, let's take some time to think about the importance of the cross. What's the big deal with the cross

, ,	. ,	ol in our churches? Was it ju ard from others? Be prepar			nore to its significance? V	√hat
	is the cross. Those are as	pt in the cross of our Lord stonishing words when you				
• н	ow is the concept of the c	cross considered in our day	? What do people thi	າk of and how do they r	respond to the idea of a c	ross?
Have you	u ever considered the cr	oss as part of God's plan? _·	? Look up (Acts 2:22-	23) and write down how	v Peter refers to the cross	/crucifixion
		ne last minute? Was it devis so notice how John describe			Jesus' life? Look up (1Pe	eter
• н	ow do these descriptions	of God's plan for the cross	impact you? What's	so significant about all t	this?	
l:10-11).	The Old Testament proph	od's plan, but it was also nets spoke about the sufferi of the prophets (Luke 24:25	ings of the cross. Jes			
• Lo	ook up (Isaiah 53) and writ	te down some of the prophe	ecies of Jesus' suffer	ing and crucifixion.		
	/hat other prophesies can ith the group.	you find in the Old Testame	ent about Jesus' suffe	ering? Write down a few	v and be prepared to shar	re them

The cross is the centerpiece of history. It was so important, that 16:21-23). Through the cross, Jesus dealt a death blow (1John 3 shame (Col. 2:14-15). The cross is the place where our salvation was won.	_ continually tried to derail things (Matt. 4:1-11; 3:8), and put powers to open					
Sharife (Ooi. 2.14 10). The cross is the place where our salvation was work						
What other insights can you offer about the cross' impact on all of history? Wr	ite your thoughts below.					
The significance of the cross didn't end 2000 years ago. Its importance continues center of the worship in heaven. But Christ is depicted as whateternity in the scars of our Lord.						
So what are we to do with the truths of the cross? Perhaps you should simply take some time to meditate on the cross - its significance and its implications for your life. Be prepared to share your reflections with the group.						
What do you think we can learn to do from (Rev. 5:9)? What do you think we c	an learn to do from (1 Cor. 1:22-23)?					
Reflect on the following quotes and be prepared to share your thoughts about some that stand out to you.						
"Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to your cross I cling." Augustus Toplady						
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"The God on whom we rely knows what suffering is all about – not merely in God knows everything, but by experience." D.A. Carson	the way that					
"This cry represents the most agonizing protest ever uttered on this planet. If moment of unparalleled pain. It is the scream of the damned – for us." R.C. S						
"We may try to wash our hands of responsibility like Pilate, but our attempt v futile as his. For there is blood on our hands." John R. W. Stott	vill be futile, as					
"The debt was so great that while man alone owed it, only God could pay it."	' Anselm					
"Men are opposed to God in their sin, and God is opposed to men in his holi Packer	ness." J.I.					
 "Lest I forget Gethsemane, Lest I forget Thine agony; Lest I forget Thy love for to Calvary." Jennie Evelyn Hussey 	or me, Lead me					