



WEEK #4: THIS CUP

INTRODUCTION

There is something large in everyone's life. For some, it's money or sports. For others, it's a career, or politics, or social media. But no matter how big we make those things, they will always be so much smaller than Jesus. He will always be more. He will always come through. He's the only one worthy of our worship, and we're called to lift him up. Let's *Magnify Him*.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Before this sermon, how would you have answered the question: "Why did Jesus have to die?" Has your understanding changed or deepened?
2. Read Isaiah 53:5-6 together. This was written 750 years before Jesus. What does this tell us about God's plan? How does it affect your view of the crucifixion?
3. The sermon mentioned several examples of culture calling good "evil" and evil "good." Can you think of other examples you've encountered? How does this cultural shift affect sharing the gospel?
4. Read Hebrews 9:27 and 4:13. How do these verses challenge the modern idea that we can define right and wrong for ourselves? Why is this uncomfortable for people today?
5. Read Matthew 26:39-42. Jesus, who had never sinned, faced the biggest, dirtiest cup of all. What does this scene in Gethsemane reveal about what Jesus was about to do for us?
6. Read Psalm 116:12-13. David asks, "What shall I give to the Lord?" and answers, "I will take the cup of salvation." Why is receiving the appropriate response to God's grace rather than giving?
7. When you take communion, what typically goes through your mind? How might understanding "This Cup" change your experience of communion going forward?
8. The sermon states: "Jesus drank our cup so he could offer us his cup." How does this truth impact: Your gratitude toward Jesus? Your willingness to share the gospel? Your daily walk with God?
9. What was your biggest takeaway from the message, and why?

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26, 15:2-5 / Matthew 26:29, 26:39-42 / Isaiah 5:20, 53:5-6 / 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 / Hebrews 4:13, 9:27 / Exodus 32:20 / Psalm 75:8, 116:12-13 / Jeremiah 25:15, 25:28 / Revelation 14:9-11, 20:11-15 / Proverbs 13:20.