

DIGGING DEEPER



These questions are designed for use in our Life Groups, but they also can be used in personal and family devotions.

Series: Easter, 2007
Sermon: Abandoned by God
Scripture: Selected Scriptures

Getting Started

Why is so difficult for us to us to grasp the concept of Jesus' abandonment on the cross?

- Discuss the reason that God the Father abandoned the Son during this time.

Bible Study Questions

1. In John 16:32, Jesus predicted that His disciples would forsake him. Even so, in what truth did Jesus find comfort?

- How did that thought comfort and encourage Him?

2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.

- Identify:
 - The one who "had no sin":
 - "Us":
- Why did all of this have to happen?

3. Look up 1 Peter 3:18.

- What does this verse say about the reason Jesus died?
- What do we read in this verse that confirms that Jesus' death upon the cross was sufficient payment for our sins (focus in on the words, "Christ died for sins *once for all*...")?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:14.

- What attribute of God's is stressed in this verse?
- What promise is made?
 - What evidence is given that God can fulfill this promise?

Apply It

Consider a time in your life when you felt very alone. How does it impact you to understand that because Jesus experienced abandonment by the Father, we will never have to experience such aloneness?