

Lifegroup Questions - Breakthrough

Wholeness

- What does the word wholeness mean to you? Are there any areas of your life where you feel incomplete?
- Read John 19:28-30 Why do think it's so important that we view the work of Jesus on the cross as finished?
- Read John 15:4, John 8:31, Luke 9:23, Colossians 2:6-7, 1 John 2:28 what is the common theme in these verses? What are the barriers to us following them?
- Dallas Willard writes "We must understand that God does not "love" us without liking us - through gritted teeth - as "Christian" love is sometimes thought to do. Rather, out of the eternal freshness of his perpetually self-renewed being, the heavenly Father cherishes the earth and each human being upon it. The fondness, the endearment, the unstintingly affectionate regard of God toward all his creatures is the natural outflow of what he is to the core - which we vainly try to capture with our tired but indispensable old word "love"." What sort of things cause us to doubt God's love for us? In what way does the cross reveal God's true feelings towards us?
- Read Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 2:14, John 14:27, Ephesians 2:14-16. In the Old Testament peace is the word 'Shalom' meaning 'whole' in the New Testament peace is the word 'Eirene' meaning 'to join together something that has been separated'. In what ways have you experienced God's 'peace' in your own life? What else does the cross teach us about God's character?
- In what way does the cross provide us with an example of how to live? Read Romans 12:1 what does Paul mean by a 'living sacrifice'?
- John Piper writes "Life is wasted if we do not grasp the glory of the cross, cherish it for the treasure that it is, and cleave to it as the highest price of every pleasure and the deepest comfort in every pain. What was once foolishness to us—a crucified God—must become our wisdom and our power and our only boast in this world." Why is it so important for us to keep the cross at the centre of our lives?