

# The Sovereignty of God in the Death of His Son

## John 19:16-30

### INTRODUCTION

Christ's crucifixion is the culmination of history: the fulfilment of God's eternal plan. God kindly shows us his invisible and sovereign hand powerfully working in the death of Jesus.

### INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

### OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?

### REVIEW

- Have someone read John 19:16-30
- Why was Christ crucified between two others (v18) (cf. Isaiah 53:12)?
- How was Christ serving as king on the cross (v19)?
- What do we learn of Christ from vv25-27?
- What is the significance of Jesus claiming "I thirst" (v28)?
- What does Christ mean that "it is finished" (v30)?

### APPLICATION

- In what ways are you indifferent to God's work on your behalf?
- Are you ever tempted to add your work to Christ work? Where does your assurance of salvation rest?
- John Stott writes, "Until you see the cross as that which is done by you, you will never appreciate that it is done for you." Do you agree? Discuss.
- Discuss how does this passage help you understand your sin? God's love?
- How should the truths of this passage compel us to proclaim the hope of the gospel? Who do you know that needs to hear these truths? Who can you invite for our Easter service? How will you pray for them? How will you make yourself available to share with them?

### PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?