

# The Place

March 31, 2019

Matthew 27:32-44

**OPENING PRAYER:** Join together in prayer as a group/family and ask God to teach everyone how we are to live our lives in ways that show how much we value what Jesus did for us. Invite Jesus to bring transformation to each of us in ways that change us forever. Pray for forgiveness for the times we have been selfish and refused to help others or to be available for God to use us to make the world a better place.

## **BREAKING THE ICE:**

- What famous death do you remember and how does it affect you? (JFK, MLK, Michael Jackson, Christa McAuliffe, Tupak, Anthony Bourdain, Robin Williams, etc).

## **WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:**

Read Matthew 27:32-44.

- How would you feel if you were in Simon of Cyrene's sandals? How would this moment have changed your life if you were a believer? How will this reading change your life?
- When have your actions or words have shouted crucify him?
- How have you made Jesus King in your life? What would that truly look like?
- What do the other crucifixion accounts teach us? Mark 15:21-32, Luke 23:26-43, John 19:17-27.

## **NEXT STEPS:**

- Jesus' life, death and resurrection came at a particular time in history and God chose that time. Why has God placed you here? Spend time with God this week to focus on where you can make a difference where you are planted.
- Going back to the question under Breaking The Ice, how does the death of Jesus affect your life? How do you want it to affect your life in the future?
- Write a letter to Jesus expressing your feelings about His crucifixion.

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** Pray together in your group or family that our lives might be transformed like Simon of Cyrene's life must have been changed. Ask God to transform each of us into the people He wants us to be, even if that means we need to carry a cross.