



Easter

LESSONS AT THE CROSS

WEEK 4: HOW THE CROSS GIVES US A ROLE MODEL

INTRO QUESTIONS

1. For Christians, Easter would probably be the more "important" or significant holiday than Christmas because of the death of Jesus. Does it hold that kind of significance to you do you think? Why/why not?
2. Has there been anything about our discussions over the last few weeks that has changed the way you think about Easter? Describe how your view has changed if it has.

PLAY VIDEO

The video for this session can be found at
www.thebeaconchurch.com/eastersmallgroups

You may want to take notes during the video.



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Begin by reading Mark 10:35-45.

*Jesus asks the disciples, "What do you want me to do for you?"
How would you answer that question if Jesus asked you today?*

How did James and John answer? What were they after? Why?

*How did the other disciples respond to James' and John's answer?
What was their reason for responding that way?*

Alex pointed out that much of the reason the disciples responded this way was because at the heart of it what they really wanted was control over their own lives.

Why do you think control is something that we so often want to have over our lives? What might we be afraid of happening if we don't have control? What does that desire for control say about our faith?



Have a look at Mark 10:42 again. Jesus describes here the way those with authority usually exercise their power or control. *But Jesus follows this with the statement, "Not so with you." What is Jesus looking for in those who want to follow him?*

How did Jesus act as a role model for what he was looking for in his followers?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

In this session Alex highlighted how we often want a "throne" that comes with security and status. However, Jesus wants those who are willing to face risk, sacrifice and hardship for the sake of others.

If Jesus' giving his life is our role model to follow, what does it look like for you to give your life for the sake of others?

What is one thing you have learned or been challenged by over the last 4 weeks?

What is one way you feel prompted to respond to what the Holy Spirit has been teaching you?