

Session Outline 6: Crux

The aim of this session is to help people think about and talk about The Cross and consider its central significance to God's mission.

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Open

Get people to write down, on a scale of zero to ten...

- *How often they think about the cross (0=never; 10=a number of times each day)*
- *How often they talk about the cross (0=never; 10=a number of times each day)*
- *How easy they find it to talk, with genuine passion, about the cross (0=impossible; 10=easy)*

Ask people to reflect on the challenges of talking about the crucifixion – sharing their responses to the above if appropriate.

Engage

Show the 'Crux' film from the DVD. You might like to suggest that group members make a mental note (or jot down a shorthand reminder) of any statements in the film that particularly strike them.

After watching the film, ask whether anyone would like to share any comments or questions that arose as a result of what they heard and saw?

Explore

The following questions may provide a helpful framework for discussion – use and adapt them as you see fit.

- *In your experience, how much significance and weight does the Church give to Good Friday compared to Christmas Day and Easter Sunday? Do you feel this is appropriate?*
- *Did you find yourself responding very positively or negatively to anything that was said in the film? Share something about what you responded to and why.*
- *Why do you think the cross matters for the Christian Faith?*
- *What do you think the cross reveals about God?*
- *What do you think was achieved by Christ's death (and resurrection)?*
- *What are we 'taught' by Christ's death (and resurrection)?*
- *What does the cross mean to you personally?*
- *"Our understanding of what was achieved and what was 'taught' by the cross can shape our attitude towards mission." In what ways might this statement be true? How does our experience of the cross influence our engagement in mission?*

Respond

Encourage the group members to take time this week to read through the Easter story and to consider what the events of that weekend mean for them and for mission (not just in terms of the new life of the resurrection, but also the story of the crucifixion itself).