

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 1 November 2020

Christmas is Coming - The Cost
Exodus 20



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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GETTING STARTED

Q1. What was the greatest cost you ever paid? Was it financial? Emotional? Social? Spiritual? What was it that you paid with, would others see this as a great cost, or was it more of a personal cost?

Q2. Now picture a gift, what comes to mind? Is it giving a gift, or receiving it? What is the greatest gift you have ever given? What did it cost? And what was the greatest gift you ever received? If appropriate, what was the cost? (let's face it, at times its rude to ask, or when it comes to the unconditional love of our partner we can't quantify a cost of that love).

INTO THE WORD

Read Romans 4:4

Q3. God's word is clear that work is a part of life, we pay a cost and we get what we deserve (Gen 3:19). Gifts are great; however, you don't work for a gift, a gift comes from generosity not obligation. Have you ever felt like you were entitled to something, only to reflect later that it was a gift?

Read Exodus 20

Q4. God sets out 10 commandments for His people to follow, to give them boundaries on how to live a full and healthy life. When we look at these, we believe that we ourselves fail all but 2 of the commandments, and there are no grey areas that we can see (Romans 6:23a). However, Jesus speaks further into the 2 commandments about murder and adultery (Matthew 5:21-28), showing that we have actually all failed all 10 commandments (Romans 3:23). The word 'REPENT' means to feel true regret or remorse about doing something wrong. Spend some time bringing the things you have done wrong to God in prayer; if you are in a group and feel comfortable, share what you need prayer for, allow the group to pray for you.

GOING DEEPER

Read Romans 6:23

Q5. We have by sinning earned a punishment, and a Holy God, perfect and powerful, has every right to pass judgment on our disobedient actions, thoughts, and words. But His love was so great (Romans 5:8) that Jesus died in our place, taking the punishment for our actions, thoughts, and words onto himself. How do you respond to Jesus' Love for you in your actions, thoughts, and words as a result of his death on the cross?

Q6. Christmas is coming, and while we celebrate the Birth of God's Son, we see that a cost was paid, paid for our wrong decisions, and a gift was given. Will you accept that gift this year?

Pray

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving us so much that you gave us a Gift in Jesus. Thank you for Christ's love for us, that while we were still sinners He died for us. Help us never to forget the great price that was paid for us on Calvary, today we offer the things that we have done, thought or said that are not what you intended for us, and through your Son forgive us, we pray.
Amen