COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, January 13th

***Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at gbcmt.org/sermons or on the GBC App*

Prayer and Praise:

Looking back over the past couple months, what can you praise and thank the Lord for?

In the last couple months, are there ways that you feel like you've grown in Christ?

After prayer, please continue praising God through song: #10 – *How Great Thou Art.*

Together in the Word:

1. How is it that the death of Jesus on the cross over a period of several hours was able to pay for the sins of people who, otherwise, would have to spend an eternity in hell paying for their sins?_____
2. If Jesus had not said "paid in full," but had rather said, "partially paid," how would our faith be different? _____
3. What did the ripping of the temple curtain from top to bottom symbolize?
4. Why do you follow Jesus? Use the space below to create an outline of your own personal testimony that you could share with someone in 3 minutes or less. Plan to share this with your CG. You might consider practicing it out loud once or twice. See 1 Peter 3:15. _____

WHY FOLLOW JESUS?

Selected Scriptures

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"Why Follow Jesus?"** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. The statement most repeated by Jesus in His earthly ministry was what?
2. No one ever did what like Jesus?
3. As a Master Teacher, Jesus could take profound spiritual truth and teach it brilliantly by using what?
4. What are the various "I am" statements that Jesus made to give us insight into who He really is:
   a. John 6:35- "I am the _____ of life."
   b. John 8:12- "I am the _____ of the world."
   c. John 8:58- "Before _____ was, I am."
   d. John 10:7- "I am the _____ of the sheep."
   e. John 10:14- "I am the good _____."
   f. John 11:25- "I am the resurrection and the _____."
   g. John 14:6- "I am the _____, the truth, and the _____. No one comes to the Father but by Me."
   h. John 15:1- "I am the true _____."
5. According to Matthew 7:28-29, how did the people respond to the Lord's teaching?
6. According to Luke 4:22, what kind of words proceeded out of His mouth?

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7. In John 8 we see how Jesus spoke with what?

8. In John 9, John records Jesus healing a man who had been what?

9. What are some of the miraculous things that Jesus did?

10. Jesus was nailed to the cross at what time of day?

11. What is the 6th hour when using the Jewish method of reckoning time?

12. What happened when Jesus had hung on the cross for 3 hours?

13. How many independent accounts are there of the world-wide darkness that happened at the 6th hour?

14. The Greek scientist, Diogenes, was a pagan but what he wrote was what?

15. An account of what happened from someone in Turkey mentions both the darkness and what other event?

16. Why did the darkness happen?

17. From noon until 3:00 p.m. Jesus was separated from His Father in what sense?

18. When Jesus prayed and asked the Father if this cup could pass from Him, He wasn't praying to be released from what?

19. Jesus WAS praying and asking the Father if it would be possible to accomplish redemption without drinking the cup of what?

20. What is often used in Hebrew Scripture to symbolize the wrath of God?

21. Because Jesus is eternal, His death has what kind of merit/value?

22. The intensity of the suffering that Jesus endured was exceedingly beyond anything any sinner will experience in eternity because of what?

23. It is worth noting that this is the only time in all of the life and ministry of Jesus that He didn't address God as what?

24. During the time Jesus was suffering under the wrath of God, He was relating to God as what (not as Father)?

25. Some people mistakenly thought Jesus was calling for whom from the cross?

26. The Jews believed that who would be the forerunner of the Messiah?

27. What was the change that is noted between what Jesus said from noon to 3:00pm and then what He said in Matthew 27:50?

28. "It is finished" in the Greek is one word and it means what?

29. What is significant about the fact that Jesus yielded up His spirit?

30. What is unique about Jesus bowing His head and then giving up His spirit?

31. At Christ's death, what was torn from top to bottom?

32. What Jewish historian writes about some of the legends of this time period of unique events happening at the time of Christ's death?

33. The fact that the veil was ripped in two signifies what two things?

34. Where does God dwell?

35. The earthquake Matthew mentions was felt as far away as where?

36. What is the 3rd sign mentioned by Matthew?

37. Why did the event of verses 52 and 53 happen?

38. How was Jesus' response in His crucifixion different than others who had been crucified?

39. Why should we follow Jesus?