

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*The Results of the Cross*  
Revelation 5:1-14  
Revelation — Week 10

**ICEBREAKER:** How do you typically react in a sudden, extreme, pressure-filled crisis?

**OVERVIEW:** At one point, the Roman cross was a symbol of death, and shame, and terror. Wearing it around your neck as a piece of jewelry would be the equivalent of someone today wearing a little electric chair around their neck. But when Jesus died on the cross He changed everything. He changed history. He changed eternity. He changed the world. Since then the cross has been a symbol of salvation, hope, and love. But what exactly did Jesus accomplish on the cross? Why did He die in the first place? In this discussion we will go deeper with the results of the cross.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Do you have any cross decorations in your house? Why?
3. When you see a cross, what comes to mind?
4. When Protestants display a cross, it is empty. On the other hand, Roman Catholics portray Christ hanging on the cross. Why the difference?

5. Read Romans 5:6-11.
  - a. Who did Christ die for?
  - b. What did Christ's death prove?
  - c. According to this passage, what all did Christ's death accomplish?
  - d. What does it mean that we have been justified by His blood (v. 9)?
  - e. What does it mean that we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son (v. 10)?
6. Read Revelation 5:9-10 and refer to Sunday's sermon for the rest of the questions. How was Christ's death propitiatory?
7. Christ purchased us for God by His blood (Rev. 5:9). What was the ransom price for our redemption, and to whom was it paid?
8. How did Christ's death make us priests?

**The Last Word:** "Israel passed through the Red Sea to Canaan; so through the red sea of Christ's blood we enter into the heavenly Canaan." Thomas Watson

