

“Crucified Glorified” Questions

Week 1—Death and Glory

1. Pictures are worth pondering because behind every picture is a story, an experience that we can share. If possible, share a picture from your life. It can be a picture on your phone or a picture you have in your memory.
 - Tell about some of your favorite pictures.
 - What stories do they help you tell?
 - If you were to choose a picture that captures what it means to be a Christian, what would that picture be and what story would you tell?
2. This week in the *Crucified. Glorified.* prayer journal, we had the story of Peter’s confession of Jesus and Jesus’ first Passion prediction (Luke 9:18–24). Jesus begins by asking his disciples what people are saying about him. He wants them to know what the world is thinking. Then, Jesus teaches his disciples what he desires them to say about him. He wants to clarify the message of who he is and what he came to do.
 - What were people saying about Jesus? What had Jesus been doing in his ministry? What might people have expected his future to look like?
 - Today, people still struggle with the mission and ministry of Jesus.
 1. What do people say about Jesus today?
 2. Who do they think he was and what do they think he came to do?
 - After the resurrection, Jesus explains more to his disciples.
 - Read Luke 24:44–49.
 - How was the death of Jesus connected to his mission, the glory of what he had come to do?
3. In his ministry, Jesus predicted his Passion, but before his ministry ever began, prophets had predicted the death of Jesus. After his resurrection, Jesus opened the mind of his disciples to understand the Scriptures and the things that had been written about him (Luke 24:27, 44–47).

Read the following Scripture passages.

Take note of the connections to the death and glory of Jesus.

- Isaiah 9:1–7
- Isaiah 53
- Isaiah 61:1–4

4. In writing to Timothy, Paul used his own life as an example of the working of God. He was able to see both death and glory going on in his life and to share that story with Timothy (1 Timothy 1:15–17).
 - In writing to the early church, Paul offers another glimpse of God’s glory in the midst of his suffering.Read 2 Corinthians 12:7–10.

What does Paul mean when he says, “When I am weak, then I am strong”?

 - What times in your life have you seen God’s strength in the midst of your weakness?
 - Make a list of ways in which God strengthens you.
5. Sometimes, our bodies carry scars from things that have happened to us. The wounds may heal but the scar remains. Years later, we can point at the scar and tell a story about what happened. We live and hope even though our body bears a scar.
 - What scars do you have in your life from carrying your burdens, your cross?
 - How can you use those scars to tell the story of God’s love and work in your life, a picture of God at work in death and glory?

As you leave today, pray with and for one another. Share personal prayer requests. Ask the Holy Spirit to draw each of you closer to Christ and to one another as you prepare to celebrate the Savior’s resurrection.