

“Crucified Glorified” Questions Week 2—Prepare and Watch

1. Share a story about a time in life when your training was put to good use. It could be on-the-job training or the kind of personal skills we develop by going through life experiences.
 - What is the value of training?
 - Think of an example from Scripture that shows how God trains his people for life in his Kingdom.
 - Where do you think God is training you right now? Explain.
2. This week in the *Crucified. Glorified.* prayer journal, we had the story of the widow’s offering (**Mark 12:41–44**).
 - What did Jesus want his disciples to see?
 - How does the fact that this widow gave all she had for a corrupt religious institution help us see the wonder of God’s love in Jesus?
 - What was Jesus about to give? For whom?
3. The apostle Paul teaches us that the Gospel is centered on God’s self-sacrificial love for us in Jesus. Read **Romans 5:6–11** and meditate on Paul’s description of the Gospel.
 - Why is this important for understanding and believing the Gospel?
 - What happens when we believe that God came to save his enemies?
 - How does that shape our lives of faith and service in the world?
4. Jesus teaches us that God’s love may appear foolish and wasteful in the world.
 - Where do you find it most challenging to share God’s love?
 - Why would it be foolish or wasteful to love in such a place?
 - How do you respond to that challenge?
5. Read **Isaiah 55:8–11**. In these passages, God reminds us that his love is never wasted.
 - Think of a time in your life when you discovered this to be true about God’s love. Share that experience with others.
 - How has that past experience formed you or trained you to think about God and his work in the world?
 - How do these scriptural promises from God and these real-life examples help us approach the challenging places in life where we can share his love?

God has prepared you for service in the world. He has forgiven your sins so that you will know his boundless love. He has given you his Spirit that you might be empowered to share that love with others. He now invites you to watch for his working in the week to come.

- What concerns do you have about the coming week and the work of God in your life?
- How does Jesus give you courage and hope?

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.