



## 1. I hate the cross.

Read Galatians 6:14. The cross presents a paradox for a Christian. In one sense we hate it. In another sense we love it.

Why do you hate the cross?

Why do you love the cross?

Why would an unbeliever hate the cross? Why is it so offensive to an unbeliever?

List reasons why it was necessary for Jesus to go to the cross.

It is popular today to believe that Jesus is a way to be reconciled to God but not the only way. Do you believe there are other ways to be reconciled to God other than Jesus work on the cross? If there were other ways to God, why would Jesus say he must suffer and die? Don't you think he would have said, "If there are others ways for people to be saved, I am not going through the agony of the cross."? Discuss why the cross is the only way to be saved.

What do you think Peter thought when he heard Jesus say he would go to Jerusalem to suffer and be killed?

In what ways do you miss the plan of God because you set your mind on things of man rather than the things of God?

## 2. I love the cross

We usually think of ourselves as a body that has a soul. The truth is we are a soul that has a body. Our souls will outlive our bodies.

Do you ever feel worthless? According to verse 26, how much is your soul worth?

Read Galatians 2:20. Jesus calls every disciple to a crucified life. In what ways are you denying yourself to follow Jesus? What areas of your life still need to be nailed to the cross?

Read Romans 6:4-6. The same power that raised Jesus from the grave is available to you. What areas of your life seem lifeless? Is your prayer life dead? Is your marriage dead? Is your power to resist temptation dead? By faith ask God to breathe life into those areas.

## Additional Scripture

Hebrews 12:3-4

1 Peter 2:18-20

Galatians 2:20

1 Peter 2:24

John 15:13

Romans 5:8

1 John 4:9-10

