

# THE SON'S SACRIFICE

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**“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.”**

– John 12:27 (NIV)



## PRAY

- Thank God for an answered prayer this week.
- Ask God to help you understand and respond rightly to Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.



## MEDITATE

### Engage

Start the conversation with this question...

When have you seen someone put others before themselves? What stood out to you about that moment?

### Key Points

Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Jesus' sacrifice was an act of love that changed everything.
- **Jesus willingly gave His life for us.** He knew how hard it would be, but He chose to obey so we could be forgiven and made right with God.
- **Jesus' sacrifice shows us both God's love and His justice.** Sin caused a real separation between fallen humanity and a holy God, but Jesus stepped in and took the consequence of sin that we couldn't bear—revealing our God who is both just and deeply merciful.
- **Jesus' sacrifice opens the way for reconciliation.** Through the cross, God restored both our relationships with Himself and with other people.
- Because Jesus gave Himself fully, we can now live close to God and reflect His love to those around us.

## Discuss Together (*pick at least one*)

- What might it look like to “lay down” your own wants or comfort to follow Jesus this week?
- What’s one small way you could choose forgiveness or reconciliation this week?
- How does Jesus’ resurrection give you hope when you have to make hard choices?
- Who are some people in your life that Jesus may be reaching out to right now? Share with the group and discuss simple ways that you can reflect God’s love to them.



## PROCLAIM

Declare this truth based on your identity in Christ

### Key Truth

Because of Jesus’ sacrifice, I am saved from sin and reconciled to God and people.

## Pray Together (*pick at least one*)

- Thank Jesus for willingly laying down His life for our salvation.
- Pray for relationships or situations that need healing and restoration.
- Pray for each other’s prayer requests.

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**But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

— Romans 5:8 (NIV)