

CROSS-WORDS

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“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit” -Jesus-

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1) HAVE YOU COMMITTED YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD?

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### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT FROM THE MESSAGE (5-24-20)

\*This week's message is based on Luke 23:44-49:

*It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.*

*The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. Luke 23:44-49*

\*If you've ever been around someone just prior to the moment they died, what was that moment like for the person who died?

\*What emotions do you think Jesus might have been experiencing in those final moments on the cross?

\*Jesus' final statement was actually a quote from Psalm 31:5. Scripture can be a great source of encouragement during our most difficult moments. Can you think of any passages that have been a source of encouragement? If so, take a moment to share that passage.

\*In Matthew 27 we read that, *"At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"*

-How might you have reacted if you were there to witness all this?

-In spite of all this, there were still many who chose not to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. What are some reasons why people continue to reject or ignore Jesus as their Savior and Lord?

\*We also read about the temple veil was torn. Hebrews 10:19-22 helps explain the significance of what took place: *Brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.*

-According to this passage, what is the significance of the tearing of the curtain?

-What difference does it make in your life to know that you can have direct access to God because of Jesus?

\*Jesus used the title “Father” as He called out to His Heavenly Father. What characteristics make someone a good father and what might be the impact of seeing God as our Father?

\*“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit” was a statement of trust and release. How do you do when it comes to trusting God and/or when have you ever struggled to trust God? Are there any areas where you currently find it a bit of a struggle to trust God?

\*To “commit” is to “put with.” It requires us to let go. How would you complete the following sentence: “Father, into your hands I commit.....”

\*Take a moment to close in prayer.