

Why Did Jesus Die?

HOST NOTES: SESSION 3

Tips and Ideas

1

Welcome any new guests. Introduce everyone and remind guests that small groups are at the heart of Alpha

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Remember that everyone should have the chance to participate – explain to guests how it should work. There's no pressure to talk but we want everyone to feel able to

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Suffering and other religions are issues that frequently come up on this session. See Nicky Gumbel's Searching Issues book or the booklet *Searching Issues: Why Does God Allow Suffering?* for guidance

Small Group Questions

TO GET DISCUSSION GOING AFTER THE TALK

- What do you think or feel about the idea of forgiveness? What is it? Have you ever forgiven anyone?
- What do you think or feel about the idea of guilt? Have you ever received forgiveness? What do you think it takes to receive God's forgiveness?
- What is your reaction to Jesus' death?
- Do you think that sin is an outdated concept or is it something you can relate to?

Good Points to End on

- If you want to watch tonight's talk again, or if you missed last session's talk, Who is Jesus?, you can catch up on alpha.org/tv
- Next session's talk: How Can We Have Faith?

Books

The Cross of Christ

John Stott

Searching Issues: Why Does God Allow Suffering?

Nicky Gumbel

Mud, Sweat and Tears

Bear Grylls

Why Jesus?

Nicky Gumbel

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