

SERIES: From the Shadow of the Cross
TITLE: "My God, My God, Why Have Your Forsaken Me?"
SPEAKER: Pastor Steve Osborne
PASSAGE: John 3:16, Matt. 27:46; Psalm 22:1,7,8,16-18,27-31; James 1:2-7
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The logo for Small Groups, featuring four interlocking puzzle pieces in white on a teal background, followed by the text "SMALL GROUPS" in white, bold, uppercase letters.

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MESSAGE TAKEAWAY

Jesus was forsaken by God the Father – so we wouldn't have to be.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What's one of your favorite foods you know you shouldn't eat?
- Read James 1:6-8. There is a difference between what we know and what we feel. When are the times when your heart and head do not align? Can you give an example? (driving, at work, with certain family, etc.)
- How often do your feelings override your knowledge and understanding?
- "Jesus was forsaken by the Father- so we wouldn't have to be"
When have you ever felt abandoned by God and how has your faith given you hope and clarity?
- What helps you grasp, understand and accept the unconditional love of God?
- Joy is a pervasive sense of well-being...which can only be found in Jesus. Who is the most joyful person you know and what are they teaching you?
- Can you give an example of how through your challenging life experiences, God has allowed you to persevere in order to help and be empathetic with others going through a similar struggle.

NEXT STEPS:

Challenge: How would someone respond to this _____ if they were absolutely convinced God was always WITH them and FOR them?