



## Sermon Discussion Guide

Blood - Tim Knipp

Date: 11/13/22

### Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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#### Hook - Getting to know one another

- How is everyone doing this week? This could also be an icebreaker question related to the topic for discussion.
- The message this week was about blood... do you have a story about blood? A time you scraped your leg, serious wound, tended to an animal, hunting, etc? Death of a loved one?
- Reread slowly the poem Pastor Tim shared and share reflections:

#### Christ Speaks

It is I, speaks the Christ, I am he  
who puts Death to death, and stands above  
the fallen enemy, crushes Hades  
to bland chalk, binds the dark power, and bears  
all humankind up to heavenly peaks.  
Yes, says Christ, I am he.

Therefore come, all human families  
ruined by sin, and receive absolution  
of every error. I am your liberation  
and the passage of deliverance.  
I am the throat-cut lamb and sacrifice,  
your ransom paid, your pulse and life, your fire,  
your rescue, resurrection, and your king.  
I gather you in one strong hand,  
and guide you to the heights of paradise,  
where I will show you to your Father.

-St. Melito of Sardis (190) – verse by Scott Cairns



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### Book - Scripture

- Read the scripture, and discuss a few questions to understand **what the text is saying**.
  - Read Matthew 26:26-28
  - Read Leviticus 17:10
  - Talk about your own understanding of blood in relationship with the Bible.
  - Describe the confusion the disciples must have felt when Jesus spoke of drinking his blood. What would you have done? What would you have said?
  - Reread some of the stories from the Bible where blood is a prominent image: Discuss what was felt, understood, seen, heard within context
    - The Passover
    - Cain and Abel
    - Temple sacrifices

### Look - Connections to our world today

- This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.
  - What kind of Jesus do we have in our world at large today? Hotdog Jesus or Blood shed Jesus? What would the popular view of Christianity say?
  - How can we bring Blood shed Jesus into our neighborhoods? What would it look like to see others through the eyes of Jesus who bled and died for the Bible study neighbor as well as the drug addicted neighbor? How will that change your week ahead, your year?
  - Can you think of someone or someplace in your community that needs to know there's a difference? What might change, both in you and in others, if that change is made?



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### Took - Personal Application

- This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.
  - Pastor Tim said, "God hates the cancer of sin in our souls. God doesn't hate us." How does this impact you where you are today?
  - Recognizing that Jesus shed his blood, became a sacrifice, took human form and was subjected to violence on our behalf, reminds us that Christ is there at our best and at our very worst. Spend some time in prayer thanking Him for this. Pray for others who may not know the life giving blood of Jesus.

### Time of Prayer