

Discussion Guide for Final Verdict

1. Read John 19:7-16 & Matt 27:24-26 and review the sermon outline.

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

2. Truth: It was ultimately our sins that demanded Jesus' death.

Jesus paid the debt we could not pay.

He showed us love that we don't deserve.

He gave us a gift that we can never repay.

How are we to respond?

Read 1 John 4:9-12

What big truth does God want us to see in Jesus death?

How does Jesus' death convince you of the love of Father and Son?

How does this move us from guilt over Jesus' death to gratitude?

What simple thing does God want us to do in response to His love?

Why does this demand seem so small?

Why does this demand make perfect sense?

Read 1 John 2:1-6

Since Jesus' died because of our sin, what is God's desire for us in v.1?

What is the corresponding encouragement in 2:1-2?

How does Jesus as your "advocate" and your "propitiation" encourage you in your struggle against sin?

What is the consistent pattern of the authentic Christian life in 2:3-6?

How is ongoing repentance an essential feature of your Christian life?

How would you summarize the teaching of this section regarding Christian living?