



STATION THREE

THE CROSS IS LAID ON SIMON OF CYRENE

PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I dedicate this time to you. I pray that you will meet me during this time. Open my spirit to hearing from you. My desire is to receive all that you have for me as I follow you to the cross. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:26

As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

Luke 9:23-25

Then (Jesus) said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?”

Galatians 6:2 & 9

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ...Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

REFLECTION

- What thoughts must Simon have thought? “Why me?” “It’s not fair!” “I didn’t ask for this.” What feelings would Simon have had? Can you relate?
- What sacrifices must you make in your life if you are to pick up the cross of Christ? Is it worth it? Will you do it? What friends can help you?
- Jesus not only shares our burden but he wants us to share his. Jesus feels the burden of the world’s pain and suffering. He feels the pain of warfare, hatred, hunger, poverty, and disease around the world. Will you share that burden? Take the time to pray for those suffering around the world. Don’t try to pray for everything and everyone, but pray for one thing and/or one group of people.
- Jesus also feels the pain of the people in your neighborhood. He feels the pain from things like divorce, addiction, and debt. Jesus also feels acutely the pain of people who have not found the salvation he alone can offer. How can you share Jesus’ burden? What things can you do to carry the cross to and for your neighbors, friends & relatives?

Consider taking two nails and some wire or string and making a cross. Or, you can draw or doodle a cross along with some symbol that means love to you. Make it as simple or elaborate as you want. As you wrap the wire around your nail cross, or make your drawing, consider how Christ has wrapped his love around you and how you can now wrap your love around others. Keep the cross as a reminder to carry the cross of Christ daily. Take a picture of your drawing with your phone and send us a copy at 1730pgccoffice@gmail.com.

PRAYER

Express your thoughts, feelings and commitments to Jesus in prayer. If you wish, write down your thoughts in a journal

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