

Life Group Discussion Guide

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

PAID IN FULL

PSALM 49:7-8

Stuart Jones - April 2, 2017

the
final week

INTRODUCTION

King David was told to offer a sacrifice to atone for a great sin. A man named Araunah offered to give David everything that was needed to make the sacrifice. David refused the offer with these words.

"No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." 2 Samuel 24:24 (NIV)

David paid to make things right after his sin. Jesus paid to make things right after our sins. The cost was severe. But Jesus paid it for us. His mission was fulfilled.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Stuart told the story of Elvina Hall, who wrote the hymn Jesus Paid It All. What is your favorite worship song or hymn? Why?
2. When someone does something really nice for you, how do you respond (verbal thanks, card, gift, etc.)? Why do we feel the need to respond with something? Have we ever applied that to Jesus?

EVALUATE IT

1. Read Psalm 49:7-9. How can God solve the problem stated in these verses?
2. Read Colossians 1:19-20. Why did all things need to be reconciled to God? How was achieved by Jesus?
3. Read Romans 5:8-10. What aspect of Christ's death justifies a person in God's sight? How did God act to remove the barrier between Himself and all people?
4. What does it mean to be justified? How were we formerly God's enemies?
5. What makes it difficult for many of us to believe we can gain God's forgiveness by faith in Christ alone? Why would God offer His righteousness free to every person?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Do you ever feel as though you owe God something? Why or why not? What things do you offer as payment to Him?
2. What part of salvation do you struggle (believe, wrap your mind around, accept, etc.) with the most? The fact you are, broken and need a Savior, the fact Jesus suffered so much, God's overwhelming love for you...?

ILLUSTRATION

In a dream, I saw the Savior. His back was bare and there was a soldier lifting up His hand and bringing down that awful cat-o'-nine-tails. In a dream, I rose and grasped His arm to hold it back. When I did, the soldier turned in astonishment and looked at me. And when I looked at Him, I recognized myself.

- W.A. Criswell, Expository Sermons on Galatians



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