

# BELPRES CHURCH

## **Sermon Title: Take It to the Cross**

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### **Scripture:**

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#### **Romans 5:8**

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

#### **2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

<sup>14</sup> For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

#### **Galatians 6:14**

<sup>14</sup> May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

#### **Hebrews 10:11-12, 17**

<sup>11</sup> Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

<sup>17</sup> Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."

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## **Discussion Questions:**

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*Read this week's scripture(s) & answer the below questions with your friends, family, or All In small group.*

### **Icebreaker Question:**

- Are you a night owl or a lark? A late-nighter or an early riser? Has it always been this way?

### **Opening Question:**

- Looking back, were you able to apply any of the things we talked about last time to your life this week? What did you do? How did it go?

### **Scripture Reflection Questions – Read this week's scripture together and discuss the following:**

- What do we learn about the cross of Christ in these passages?
- What do we learn about people, and ourselves in particular, this week?

### **Sermon Reflection Questions - Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:**

- Scott talked about bringing our burdens to the cross and how it can change our hearts and minds. Have you ever had a powerful experience like this where you felt, saw, or knew the power of the cross, and it changed everything for you? Share with the group.
- In the example of the woman who watched the TV show about the parents who forgave the driver who caused their son's death, the woman had a hard time imagining the kind of grace and forgiveness the parents demonstrated. She experienced the significance of the cross and Jesus' sacrifice when she was able to imagine herself as the driver and God as the parents. Can you relate? Is there a time that you can remember when you had a profound shift in your thinking and grasped the immensity of God's grace and your salvation? Share with the group.

### **Closing Question and Application:**

- Given what we've discussed together today, how might God want you to apply these learnings to your life or in the life of your community this next week? Who might you share this with?

### **Closing Group Prayer:**

- Spend a few minutes together in your group sharing prayer requests and then praying together for each other. Thank God for the time together, the conversation shared, the other people in the group, and for encouragement in the week ahead.