

NEXUS

Week 1: The Death of *Death*

1. The *Nexus* series focuses on how the Cross impacts every part of our lives and all of human history. Is there a pivotal point in your past that has altered the course of your life? Briefly share the details of that event or person from your past and how your life is being impacted today.
2. Pastor Mark said that we are all moral train wrecks. Do you believe that people are basically good or basically corrupt at their core? What evidence do you find in support of your belief? Do you see yourself as a moral train wreck or would you say your life is on the right track?
3. James 1:14-15 tells us that sin leaves pain and wreckage in its wake and always leads to death. How has this been evident in your life and in the lives of others you know?
4. Does it seem like God's wrath is being revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness (Romans 1:18) or does it seem like the godless and unrighteous are getting away with everything? What does 2 Peter 3:9 tell us about the balance of God's wrath against evil and His compassion for mankind?
5. In one sense, God's wrath has already been poured out as it was directed at Jesus on the cross. Since that day, God is patiently giving us all the opportunity to accept Jesus' payment for the death penalty our sin deserves.
 - If you have not accepted Jesus' sacrifice on your behalf, what is standing in your way? How can this group help you continue to explore Jesus?
 - If you have already accepted Jesus' sacrifice for your sins, pause to praise Him for that now.
 - Together, commit to pray for 5 friends or family members who don't believe in Jesus for 5 days a week over the next 5 weeks and see how God works in their lives. You may be a big part of their lives intersecting with the Cross of Christ!