Light, Love, Life: Easter Series
Sermon-based Growth Group Questions

Introductory Discussion:

What was "the takeaway" (the most important point) from Sunday's sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Read John 19:16-31; John 20:19-28

Discussion:

Why is it significant that John didn't give a detailed account of what crucifixion is, but simply stated Jesus was crucified? How might this help our response to the sacrifice that was made for us?

As Jesus may have recited Psalm 22 from the cross, what meaning do you suppose it has for Him? And consequently for you?

Given Jesus' mother's faith in him at the outset of His public ministry (see John 2:3-5), what must she be feeling now at the end? Judging from verses 26-27, what are Jesus' last wishes for His mother?

If Jesus were to come to our generation today and preach the same Gospel that He preached to the first century, how do you think the average person on the street would respond?

How would you explain the need for the crucifixion to someone who really wanted to understand?

From here an throughout John's Gospel, we see that Jesus' death has special paradoxical meaning: In what sense was Jesus' death necessary yet voluntary? Triumphant yet tragic? Pre-ordained yet avoidable? Lifted up yet laid down? Unjust yet just? Finished yet ongoing?

In your own spiritual journey, when did you come to understand the meaning of the death of Christ?

Prayer: Take time to pray together as a group.