

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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March 17 & 20, 2022



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Was it a big deal?

2. If you’ve recently read the news or watched it on TV, it’s been difficult to watch the war in Ukraine. Why are we particularly upset and incensed when we see children who are war victims?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.

What did Jesus become in those final three hours on the cross?

What are the parallels and differences between Jesus’s death on the cross and the death of children in the Ukrainian war?

In this modern-day parallel using the war, if the innocent children who die by a bomb or an artillery shell represent Jesus, who represents “us”—the Ukrainians or the Russians? Why?

4. Read Romans 6:23 and Hebrews 11:19-28.

What do our wrong words, thoughts and actions (i.e., sins) earn us? How do we earn our forgiveness? (Hint: we can’t earn our forgiveness.)

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