

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Hope From the Cross: Part Six

March 31 & April 3, 2022



1. Can you share a time when you've completed a large, complicated task that took a lot of time and effort?

How did you feel when it was complete?

2. Read 1 Timothy 1:15.  
Have you ever identified with Paul's description of himself, even if you were a believer at the time?

Why do we continue to beat ourselves up over sin that's in the past?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17, Colossians 1:21-22.  
How do we become a new creation? Who did the work?
4. Read James 4:1-10.  
Was James addressing a group of Christians or non-Christians?

Why is it hard to remember that desires should no longer control us as Christians?

Why is it hard to live?

5. Read Philippians 2:12-13.  
How does this scripture help us as we fight against the urge to let our desires control us?

How does it demonstrate that Jesus finished on the cross?

6. Can you think of a time when circumstances caused you to change plans/do something different or keep you from doing something you wanted to do?

Do circumstances ever keep God from doing something that he intends on doing?

Who's in charge of circumstances?

7. Read Isaiah 55.  
How does this prophecy confirm that Jesus triumphed over our circumstances on the cross?

**TAKEAWAY:** Stay on His mission until you finish.