

Life Group Member Guide

**Focal Passage:** Mark 15:33-39 (CSB)

**Passage in Context:** Mark 15:33-39(CSB)



**Bible-Reading Tip:** Begin by asking God to open your eyes and hearts to His Word. In 1 Corinthians 2:6-16, Paul writes that the Spirit – who lives inside everyone who believes in Jesus – knows the depths of God and reveals Him to those who follow Jesus. So, always begin your time of reading the Bible with a prayer for Him to open your eyes and ears to what He will reveal. This doesn't mean that you will always have an emotional encounter or a special revelation, but you are acknowledging that He is that One through whom all wisdom is revealed.

<sup>33</sup> When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

<sup>34</sup> And at three Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lemá sabachtháni?*” which is translated, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

<sup>35</sup> When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “See, he’s calling for Elijah.”

<sup>36</sup> Someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, fixed it on a stick, offered him a drink, and said, “Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down.”

<sup>37</sup> Jesus let out a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup> Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup> When the centurion, who was standing opposite him, saw the way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

**HEAR Bible Reading Method**

**HIGHLIGHT the passage**

- Underline any repeated words or key ideas you see.
- Note any questions you have about what you read.
- In 2-3 sentences, summarize what was said or what happened.

**EXPLAIN the passage**

- What was revealed about God? His character, desires, and/or actions?
- What was revealed about people? What we are/do or what we should be/do?

**APPLY the passage**

- From this reading, what truth do you need to embrace?
- By God’s power, how will you THINK, SPEAK, or ACT differently based on what you read?

**RESPOND to the passage**

- Talk to God about what you’ve seen and learned in this passage.
- Ask Him to help you apply the truth to your life.