

THE CROSS

How should we respond to the cross ?



Starter-questions for discussion

Trust in the cross ¹
Saying no to self-righteousness

? what struck you most in today's sermon?
What is the main thing you're going to take away?

Take up the cross ²
Saying no to self-fulfilment

? which of the five responses to the cross are you stronger at? Which are you weaker at? What could you do to be more cross-centered in that area?

Live out the cross ³
Saying no to self-indulgence

? what did 'Jesus' S.C.A.R.S' stand for? How could it help you in your daily devotions?

Look to the cross ⁴
Saying no to self-service

? "All this I did for thee. What doest thou for me?" What is the point of this inscription on the 'Ecce Homo' painting?

Pass on the cross ⁵
Saying no to self-promotion

? how can our lives become more cross-shaped rather than 'curved in on ourselves'?

¹ Ephesians 2:8; Galatians 2:16; 1 Corinthians 11:24,26

² Luke 9:23; Hebrews 13:13; John 15:20;

³ Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:6; Colossians 3:3,5; Galatians 5:24

⁴ Ephesians 5:2; 1 John 3:16; Mark 10:44-45; Philippians 2:4-5; Ephesians 5:25; John 12:24

⁵ 1 Corinthians 15:3; 1:23-24