

SERIOUSLY, GOD?

Why Did He Have to Die?

Focal Point

We know that death is part of life, but when a person dies young or unexpectedly, we often question why. *Why God, did you let that happen?* We don't know the answer with 100 percent certainty, but for Christians the Cross seems to hold the answers.

Video

As a group, watch the "Chapter 6: Why Did He Have to Die?" Companion Video. [Click Here.](#)

Discussion Questions

1. Whose death have you struggled to make sense of because it seemed so unfair? Were you able to heal in time from this struggle? If so, what helped with the healing?
2. Has reading this chapter helped you make any better sense of the death you told about in the first question? In what ways? If it hasn't, what are your pushbacks?
3. On page 130, the authors share about how their friend and colleague, Rob, faced his death. They write, "There was more than grace in this experience; there was 'glory.' While his death was certainly a huge loss to us and our community, in the end Rob won." What do you think of these statements? Does Fr. Michael and Tom's understanding of Rob's passing make sense to you? In what ways? If not, why not?
4. The authors use the Bible story of Jesus meeting disciples on the road to Emmaus to invite us to share with Jesus and with the Father the truth of our pain, frustrations, heartbreak, and even anger. Do you ever take this approach in times of darkness? Why or why not?
5. What is one favorite takeaway from this chapter for you? Why is it compelling, or how has it helped you grow spiritually?

Application

Remember this: Death does not have the final say. Jesus' resurrection tells us that death is not the end. Death is a door to something more. It is the door to our ultimate hope, which is in heaven. Our ultimate hope is in the Resurrection.

