

SHARING LIFE

- How have you experienced God this week?
- Do you need any help from God in your life?
- ▶ Pray together: Thank God for experiences, ask for God's help.



REVIEW

- What did we discuss last time?
- Tell each other what went through your mind when you thought
- about someone who gave their life for you.
- How are the people that you are caring for doing? What would help them most?
- Did you get a chance to share a God experience with someone? Did you pray for someone?
- ► Pray together, that you may get to know new aspects of God and that your friendship with God would be strengthened and become deeper.



WATCH THE PASSION OF CHRIST MOVIE

(if this movie is not available, you could instead watch the "Jesusfilm")

This film is a very realistic representation of the suffering and death of Jesus as it is described by the Bible. There are three ways you can watch this film:

1. As a historic film: In this case everything shown in the film becomes a story



that happened 2000 years ago and has no relevance for us nowadays.

Sharing personal issues should not take up more than 1/3 of the evening.

2. As the salvation of humanity: If you watch the film from this point of view, then Jesus died for the sins of the entire human race and it does not really concern me much since I am just one in billions.

Split groups of more than seven.

3. As the price for MY salvation: If we watch the film from the point of view that Jesus suffered for ME personally, then we will be able to understand what really happened. It is important to make ourselves aware again and again that this film is about US. Someone suffered the worst torture to free ME from the power of evil and to make me free to choose God's way again.

Stop the film at the Bible quote (5")

- Where does this quote come from? (from the passage we read last time)
- Why is this being quoted here?

Stop the film when Jesus crushes the snake (8' 57")

- Who is the «person» Jesus is talking to?
- · What is the «person» saying?

Stop the film after the sentencing of Jesus to death by crucifixion (1h 11' 48'')

• What is the governor (Pilate) and his wife's stance towards Jesus?

After the film:

• What does it mean to me that Jesus suffered so much for me?



CHALLENGES

- Take some time to think about how to respond appropriately to Jesus who suffered and died for you. Write your thoughts down.
- Where do I have an opportunity in the next week to share my experiences with God with someone and invite them to start a friendship with God?



COMMENTARY ON THE FILM:

This is the sad account of Jesus' road of suffering. He was tortured and executed, although no judge could declare him guilty. It happened as God announced it would. He (the innocent one) took our guilt upon himself so that we (the guilty ones) could become righteous again. Through this God made it possible for our sins to be forgiven. Now we are able to freely choose again between God and the snake.

