

Drawn to the Cross—Lent 2023
Optional Questions & Activities for Those Who Want to Go Deeper

Date	Topic	Question	Action
2/22	A Contrite Heart	Think about a person or situation you approach with a closed or hard heart. What would it take for you to change your attitude?	Sit quietly with closed fists. Slowly open your hands as an outward expression of your intention to walk with Jesus this Lent.
2/23	The Word	What words from Jesus feed your soul?	Write out at least one verse and put it in a place you will see it often.
2/24	No Comparison	When have you felt God's love in a tangible way?	Reach out by phone, email, or text to someone who needs to know they are loved.
2/25	No Matter What	When did someone show you unlimited acceptance?	Show acceptance to another person today who may not be expecting it.
2/26	The Shape of God's Plan	Reflect back on your life and identify where you see God shaping your journey.	Share part of your story with a friend.
2/27	Our Message and Mission	What gifts has God given you?	Post a list of your gifts in a place where you will see it regularly.
2/28	Making a Difference	What 3 people in your life would benefit by hearing God's message of love and grace?	Pick one person and let them know how much they are loved by God.
3/1	A Colorful Mosaic	Where do you feel called to share your gifts to serve Christ?	Research a way to get involved in the church or our community.
3/2	Our Mutual Mission	What holds you back from joining in God's mission in the world?	Make the effort to see the issue from another person's point of view.
3/3	The Light of Jesus	Which Christians have made a significant impact in your life?	If possible, let them know how they have affected your faith.
3/4	An Uncommon Pathway	Where is God calling you to move outside of your comfort zone?	Pray that God will show you the path to follow.
3/5	More than an Example	In what ways are you being a disciple of Christ?	What practice can you start during this Lenten season to keep your faith fresh, vital, and alive?
3/6	Calculating the Cost	What have you had to give up to follow Christ?	Thank God for sending Jesus to give up his life as the ultimate sacrifice.
3/7	The Right Time	When have you felt God's influence when making a difficult decision?	Think about a decision you are facing now. List out your options and ask God to guide you.
3/8	Eyes of Faith	What miracle of Jesus do you wish you could have witnessed in person?	Write a short prayer thanking God for the people who have shared their faith with you.
3/9	Show Me	In what ways can you show faith without words?	Pick one way and do it today.
3/10	Be Perfect	How do you feel when you read the words, "Be perfect"?	Consciously choose to use words that build up, heal, and encourage with everyone you meet today.
3/11	A Pure Heart	Which of the "four signs of a disciple's purified heart feel easiest to achieve? Hardest?	Write down 3 things you feel you "ought" to do. Evaluate how important those things are to Christ.

3/12	Faithful Forever	What is something you are fearful about right now?	Pray that you will feel God's presence as you face that challenge.
3/13	Open Eyes	What memory fills you with shame?	Confess your sin as honestly as you can and hear the words of Jesus, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."
3/14	Open Ears	Who has been a good listener to you?	Be fully present with those you interact with today.
3/15	New Eyes	What do you think Jesus sees when He looks at your heart?	Make an effort to see everyone you encounter today through the eyes of Jesus.
3/16	Burden-Bearers	What burdens are you carrying this season?	Seek out someone that you can help by carrying a burden for them.
3/17	The Power of Powerlessness	When has someone you know abused their power?	Pray for those who are in positions of powerlessness and ask God to show you how to help them.
3/18	A Glorious Throne	What do you think Heaven is like?	Slowly and intentionally recite the Lord's Prayer, focusing carefully on each phrase.
3/19	Transformed Toward Glory	How has the way that you serve Christ changed throughout your life as a Christian?	Plan out the next steps you can take to continue to grow in your faith.
3/20	A Rewarding Journey	What temptations are hardest for you to resist?	Make a plan to combat those temptations when they arise.
3/21	Walking a Tightrope	What distracts you from keeping your eyes on Jesus?	Make an effort today to keep your focus on the spiritual instead of the worldly.
3/22	Why Some and Not Others?	What are some of the dark areas in your life?	Light a candle today as a reminder that the light of Jesus overcomes the darkness.
3/23	Fools for Christ	When have you been blind to the truth someone was trying to communicate with you?	Spend a few minutes reflecting on an image of a cross and consider why Jesus had to die the way he did.
3/24	Broken People	Who is someone you need to reconcile with?	Seek God's guidance on how to be a peacemaker in the relationship.
3/25	A Broken Heart	Who do you want to talk to you when you feel like your heart is broken?	Reflect on how God uses others to bring about healing. Thank someone for helping you.
3/26	Our Comforter	What are you grieving today?	Pour out your heart to God and ask to receive comfort.
3/27	From Sadness to Gladness	Who do you know that is grieving today?	Send a note to or call someone who is suffering and needs encouragement.
3/28	The Sting of Death	When have you been afraid? How did you move forward?	Write out the words, "Do not fear, only believe", and put them where you can see them every day.
3/29	I'll See You Again	Who are you missing that you can no longer talk to?	Pick up your phone and pretend to call that person. Tell them what you want them to hear from your heart.
3/30	From Heartache to Heartburn	What is keeping you from experiencing joy this week?	Notice the good things that happen to you today and thank God for small glimpses of joy.
3/31	A Voice from Heaven	What "potholes" or detours have you faced in your life of faith?	Reflect on how God was at work through those experiences.
4/1	Uplifting News	What good things have happened to you this week?	Share your good news with a friend or family member.

4/2	Palm Sunday Parade	Imagine you were there watching Jesus enter Jerusalem. What are you doing? What are you thinking?	Attend today's Palm Sunday service or view it online.
4/3	Bloody Hands	Have you ever kept silent when you should have spoken up?	Ask for God's forgiveness and thank God for second chances.
4/4	Forsaken	When have you felt like God abandoned you?	How did you get past it? If you have not been able to, pray that God would give you peace.
4/5	Life's Greatest Moment	What was your greatest moment academically or professionally?	Think about how you want to be remembered. If you need to make changes, commit to doing so.
4/6	What a Present	What has been a memorable communion experience for you?	Imagine being present at the Last Supper with Jesus and his disciples. Next time you take communion, think about this event.
4/7	Mission Accomplished	Read Luke 23: 32-49. Imagine what it would be like to witness Jesus' death.	Attend today's Good Friday service in-person or online.
4/8	Glory Breaking Through	What is the best news you couldn't wait to share with others?	Pray for God to show you how to share Jesus' resurrection story with those who don't know the Good News.
4/9	Glory, Glory, Hallelujah	What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to you personally?	Plan to attend Easter worship either online or in-person.