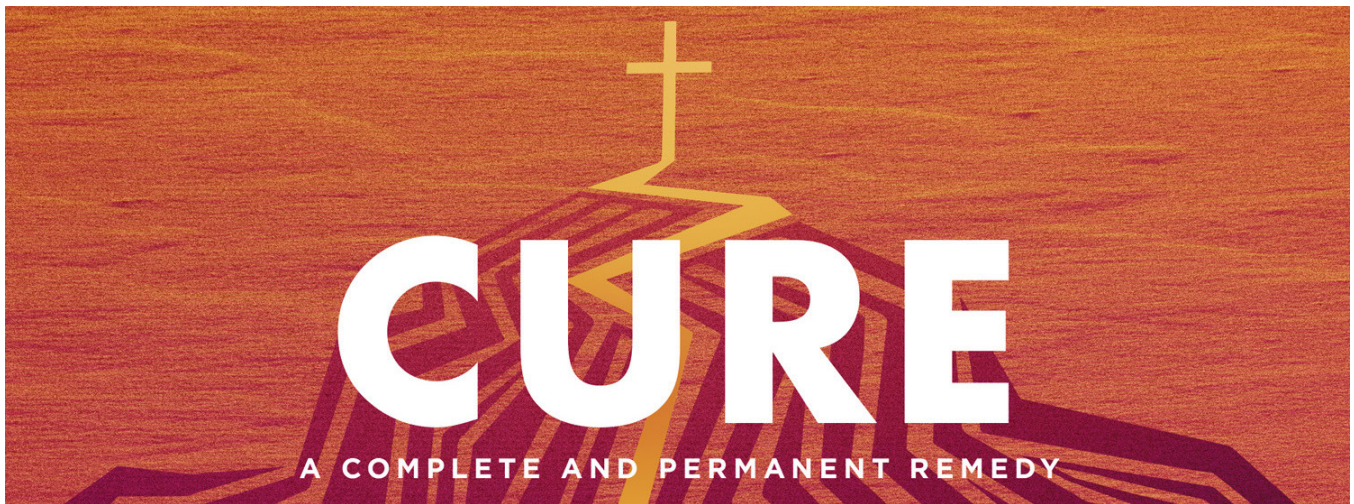


DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. Feel free to use them for your personal study time, your family, or your Family Group.

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

Many of us have seen poor attempts to share faith, from bad church signs to street preachers. Sometimes this leads us to favor good deeds over talking about Jesus. When we do this, faith and works end up pitted against each other, but Scripture sees them as two sides of the same coin. Right teaching without good works is hypocritical, and justice is not complete without a proclamation of Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Have you ever had an awkward experience sharing your faith, or seen someone else share it in a way that just didn't quite "work?"

Consider the phrase "preach the gospel, and when necessary use words." What's good about it? What's not quite right about it?

Think about the question from Penn Jillette: "how much do you have to hate someone if you believe in everlasting life and not tell them about it?" How does this influence the way you view people who don't know Jesus?

Who is your "one?" How have you been praying for them? How have you been able to make progress toward a conversation about faith?

APPLICATION

What is God saying to you through this passage of Scripture?
In light of this, how are you going to be different in the future?