



Dear Portview Family,

For Good Friday this year, we wanted to provide you with an at-home opportunity to experience Jesus' journey to the cross. We've included for you a small wood cross as a tangible way to remember His death for you. As you hold this cross, we encourage you to prayerfully consider some or all of the following questions.

- 1) Picture yourself in the scene at Gethsemane. How do you respond when Jesus approaches? What do you try to do? Why?
- 2) Though Jesus had predicted that Peter would deny him, Peter had argued that he would never fall away. Imagine the scene in the courtyard after Peter had denied Jesus three times. What is the expression on Jesus' face as he looks at Peter? What is Jesus' expression as he looks at you now?
- 3) Imagine you are following Jesus on the way to the cross. What are your thoughts and emotions as you walk with him? What do you want to say to him?
- 4) Picture yourself at the foot of the cross, looking up at Jesus. He is bruised and bleeding. His breath is labored. You have no power to intervene, and he is doing nothing to resist evil. What do you want to say to him?
- 5) Imagine you are at the foot of the cross, watching the final moments of Jesus' earthly life unfold. What thoughts, memories, or emotions are stirred in you as you hear him express his thirst and as you watch them lift a sponge full of sour wine to his parched lips? What would you like to do for him or say to him?
- 6) Spend time talking with God about what you have noticed happening within you during your time of reflection.

Blessings,

Your Portview Staff