growth group UESTIONS

Always apply these principles during your growth group:

- 1 Read the passage the sermon was based on
- 2 Always refer to the Bible
- Pepper your discussion with Scripture, allowing God to be the final authority in your discussions.
- 4. Always try to have everyone practically apply the message using the Level 3 questions.

 Are you still praying for the three people needing salvation?

LEVEL 1 | "WHAT" QUESTIONS

- 1) (All-Play: Everyone answers) What does intense grieving, loss or suffering do to a person?
- 2) What "options" might we consider when we are trying to cope with this type of anguish?
- 3) Why do you think Jesus said these exact words at this exact circumstance? (Verse 1) (Spoken by Jesus in Matthew 27:46)
- 4) What proof or evidence do we have that God the Father actually heard and responded to Jesus' cry for help? (See verse 24 of Psalm 22)

LEVEL 2 | "WHEN" QUESTIONS

- 5) (Share about) When have you ever cried out to God "why?!" as described by Pastor Mike?
- 6) (Share about) When has God seemed far off and distant... so much that you began to doubt He would hear you and answer?

LEVEL 3 | "HOW" QUESTIONS

- 7) How do we cling to faith when God seems far off and unconcerned?
- 8) How can we have confidence that God hears our cry for mercy?
- 9) How can you help encourage and reassure someone who is facing a dire situation?
- 10) Consider the answers from question #2. How can you always turn to God and never turn to other, worldly "solutions"?
- 11) Ask the question: "Is anyone facing a significant decision this week?" How can this MiniChurch help?