

Women Watching

Read Mark 15: 33-41

Open:

1. Have you ever sat with someone who was dying? What was it like?

Dig:

1. What aspect of the crucifixion was the worst for Jesus: The physical pain? The spiritual separation from God? Why?
2. What causes his separation from the Father (see Hab. 1:13)? What does this say about our part in his crucifixion?
3. How are the cry of Jesus (vs. 34; also Psalm 22:1) the tearing of the temple curtain (vs. 38; see also Heb. 10:19-22) and the faith of the centurion (vs. 39) all related?

Reflect:

1. Read Isaiah 53:12. How would you paraphrase it to explain what Jesus' death was all about?
2. What "curtain" do you feel still separates you from God? How does Jesus' death relate to that?
3. What is the riskiest thing you have ever done because of your faith in Jesus? Why did you do it?