

We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

Here are some activities going on with us!

### **The Sacred Ordinary Retreat June 11-13, 2026**

In the busyness of life, we all need moments to step away, quiet our hearts, and listen again to the voice of the Lord.

Whether you are spiritually refreshed, weary, searching, or simply longing for more of God, this retreat is for you.

Come ready to be strengthened. Come ready to be reminded that God is still at work in your life.

Registration Fee: **₱3,000.00**

### **Water Baptism Registration Ongoing**

If you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ and desire to publicly declare your commitment through water baptism, registration is now ongoing.



How can we **pray** for you?

Inviting you to join our **Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays at 7PM**. You may **send your prayer requests and praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.



### Discover life with our **Small Groups**.

Looking for **deeper connections** and a **closer walk with God**? Our small groups are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!



### Stay for **fellowship** and **refreshments**.

Stick around after the service for **coffee and connection**! It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!



### Free **Blood Pressure** and **Sugar Check-up**.

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar levels to **avail of our free check-up**, happening **every after Sunday service!**



### **Ways to give tithes and love gifts.**


BPI Checking                      **0421-0041-16**  
Paypal                                      **@livingwordnra**  
GCash Account                      **0912-130-6148**


### **Sunday Services**

**English** 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM  
**Cebuano** 4:00 PM

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Northgate Center.**  
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*Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.*

Mark 15:33-41  
Ptr. Nic Sy  
May 31, 2026

## **HE HAS DONE IT!**

The Passion Narrative: From Betrayal to the Cross

### **SERMON NOTES**

#### **I. THE SHADOW OF THE SILENCE (15:33)**

“darkness” | Greek skotos (σκότος) | “absence of light; spiritual blindness, intense grief, chaos, divine judgment.”

*The deep darkness at Calvary was not a sign that God had lost control; it was the exact location where our rescue was being secured.*

**Reflect:** When you are sitting in that personal darkness, do you find yourself believing that God has abandoned you, or can you find the courage to trust that he is working in the shadows?

#### **II. THE SONG IN THE DARK (15:34-36)**

“forsaken” | Greek egkataleipó (ἐγκαταλείπω) | “to leave someone behind in a place of extreme danger, to abandon a companion in a state of severe crisis, or to completely desert someone who is facing a terrible fate.”

*Jesus prayed the prayer of the forsaken so that you and I would never actually be forsaken.*

**Reflect:** When you find yourself trapped in the painful “first line” of your own suffering, what specific truth or scriptural promise are you using to anchor your mind?

#### **III. THE ANSWER IN THE VEIL (15:37-41)**

“torn” | schizó (σχίζω) | “to rip open, to tear apart, or to cleave in two.”

*Sin is so serious that the Son of God had to die. But grace is so great that even a centurion can see and confess.*

*The greatest tragedy in human history became the doorway to the greatest grace in human history.*

**Reflect:** Are you still living as if the curtain is still hanging?

# “HE HAS DONE IT!”

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of June 1-7, 2026

### GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Have you experienced last song syndrome (LSS)? What song has been repeating in your mind in the last couple of days?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

#### Read Mark 15:33-41

1. Mark says that darkness covered the land from noon until three in the afternoon. This unnatural darkness was not just atmospheric but also deeply theological. What do you think Mark wants his readers to understand about what is happening at Calvary during those three hours? Is this darkness a sign of defeat, or something else?

2. Read Mark 15:34 and Psalms 22:1. Jesus cries out, “*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*” What does this cry reveal about the depth of Jesus’ suffering? Why is it important to say that Jesus’ suffering was real, while also remembering that he was praying Scripture? What does this teach us about bringing honest pain, questions, and lament to God?

3. Jesus cried out using the opening lines of Psalms 22, a song that starts in absolute agony but finishes in monumental triumph. How does looking at the victorious conclusion of Psalms 22, particularly verses 24 through 31, reframe the desperate cry of Jesus on the cross? Why is it vital for us as believers to differentiate between feeling abandoned by God and actually being abandoned by him? When your temporary emotions tell you that God has ignored you, what specific scriptural promises do you use to anchor your mind?

4. When Jesus died, the curtain of the temple was torn. Why is it significant that it was torn from top to bottom rather than from bottom to top? According to Hebrews 10:19-22, what does the destruction of this sacred barrier mean for our daily, personal relationship with God? If the ultimate curtain has been completely ripped away by God himself, why do we still find ourselves hesitating to approach him?

5. The centurion, a Roman soldier, says, “*Truly this man was the Son of God!*” Why is it surprising that this confession comes from him? What does this show us about the kind of people Jesus welcomes through the cross? Do you have someone in your immediate circle right now whom you have written off as too far gone or too cynical for the gospel? Who are the spiritual outsiders in your workplace, neighborhood, or family that you can pray for today?

6. Mark tells us that several women were watching from a distance, and that they had followed and ministered to Jesus. What stands out to you about their presence when many of the male disciples had scattered? John tells us that eventually these women would approach the cross (cf John 19:25-30). In seasons when your faith feels weak, what might it look like to remain near Jesus instead of walking away?

### NEXT STEPS

*The cross didn't change who God is; it revealed how far God will go.*

- **Face the Darkness.** I will honestly bring my pain, confusion, and questions to God.
- **Hold the Song.** I will anchor my heart in God’s Word when I feel like I am in the dark.
- **Step into the Veil.** I will stop living as if the curtain is still hanging and draw near to God through Jesus.

### CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for hearts to hold on to Jesus in the darkness, trust in his finished work, and draw near to God because the curtain has been torn.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who’s going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

### BIBLE READING GUIDE

June 1	<b>Mark 15:33-41</b>
June 2	<b>Psalms 22:22-31</b>
June 3	<b>Exodus 10:21-29</b>
June 4	<b>Hebrews 10:11-22</b>
June 5	<b>Luke 23:39-49</b>
June 6	<b>Psalms 104:27-35</b>
June 7	<b>John 19:25-30</b>

