



The Spirituality of the Cross

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Discussion Guide

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Purpose: To study *The Spirituality of the Cross* as an introduction to several important topics for Lutheran life and doctrine, drawing particular attention to its connections with the most basic Lutheran confessional text: Luther's *Small Catechism*.

Note: All artwork on these outlines is by Lucas Cranach, a contemporary of Luther and great supporter of the Reformation. This is doubly appropriate as Gene Veith is the director of the Cranach Institute, an organization for examining the connections between Lutheran faith and culture.

Study Outline:

Session #1 – Evangelical Lutherans

Read: Preface and Intro, pp. 9-27 ☐

Pastor Rob Morris

Session #2 – Justification

Read: Chapter 1, pp. 29-47 ☐

Dan Swanson

Session #3 – Means of Grace, Part One

Read: Chapter 2, pp. 49-61 ☐

(note: this is only the first half of the chapter)

John Rau

Session #4 – Means of Grace, Part Two

Read: Chapter 2, pp. 61-79 ☐

Rob Balancia and Dan Swanson

Session #5 – Theology of the Cross

Read: Chapter 3, pp. 81-99 ☐

Bud Williams

Session #6 – Christology

Read: Chapter 4, pp. 101-121 ☐

John Rau

Session #7 Vocation, Part One

Read: Chapter 5, pp. 123-138 ☐

(note: this is only the first half of the chapter)

Gary Gollenberg

Session #8 – Vocation, Part Two

Read: Chapter 5, pp. 139-157 ☐

Dave Reitz

Session #9 –Two Kingdoms, Part One

Read: Chapter 6, pp. 159-169 ☐

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Gary Gollenberg

Session #10 –Two Kingdoms, Part Two

Read: Chapter 6, pp. 169-180 ☐

Rob Balancia

Session #11 – Worship

Read: Chapter 7, pp. 181-204 ☐

(also pp.205-218 if you wish)

Pastor Rob Morris