

OHC G2 Week #1 Spring Block 2025

MY STORY: How would you feel if you lost everything, including the presence of God in your life?

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, convicted or confused you?

SUNDAY MORNING DIGGING DEEPER: **Read or tell the Story:** Mark 15:33-38
Why did God send darkness over the whole land for 3 hours?

Read Exodus 10:21-23 What is similar and what is different in this account of God sending darkness?

If you read some of the other Gospel records of Jesus' death, you learn that Jesus said several things while on the cross. Why do you think Mark only records this one saying for us? What point is Mark trying to make?

Why is it significant that the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom'?

SUNDAY EVENING DIGGING DEEPER: **Read** Acts 11:27-30

Since God knew a severe famine was coming, why do you think He sent the Church a warning about it and not sending rain instead?

What does this account reveal about God and His relationship with us?

What is the deeper significance of the Church in Antioch sending relief to the Church in Jerusalem? What did this act of care demonstrate?

MEMORIZE ONE: Deuteronomy 31:8, Psalm 55:22, Matthew 11:28, Philippians 4:6

TAKING IT HOME: How have you been encouraged or convicted through this study?

Mark 15:33-38

33 At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. **34** And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, *"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"* (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). **35** When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah." **36** Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said. **37** With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. **38** The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

Exodus 10:21-23

21 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness spreads over Egypt—darkness that can be felt." **22** So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days. **23** No one could see anyone else or move about for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.

Acts 11:27-30

27 During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. **28** One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) **29** The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. **30** This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Deuteronomy 31:8

The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Psalms 55:22

Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.

Matthew 11:28

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.