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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- Would you like to see changes made to Daylight Saving Time? Why or why not?
- Read Psalm 22 and Matthew 27:32-49. What parallels do you see in these two Scriptures? What events described by the psalmist are experienced by Jesus?
- How does Jesus' last word in Matthew 27:46 differ from his other six sayings from the cross? What might we conclude from this?
- What leads Jesus to cry out as he does? What do you imagine Jesus is experiencing in that moment?
- How does Jesus deal with his feelings of abandonment? How can this be instructive for us?
- In what ways is Jesus forsaken for our sakes?
- If a close friend asked you, "Why has God abandoned me?" how would you respond?
- Can you identify a time when God seemed distant or absent to you? To the level you are comfortable, can you share what that experience was like and what you did?
- How have you utilized Scripture in your prayers as Jesus did? How can Scripture be a resource for your prayers going forward? What concrete steps can you take this week to do that?

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.