

TESTIMONIALS:

From: Richard Friday
Date: December 1, 2009

I have taught Bible classes for over 30 years and one question I have probably asked more than any other is "How real is God?" We hear the stories, we read the stories, we discuss the stories, but making the transition from "a story" to "a historical fact" makes all the difference in the world. I used the crown of thorns and the nails to help visualize what Jesus went through on the cross. We tend to romanticize the cross, and forget the reality of horror, pain, suffering and the slow, agonizing death it produces. As students become familiar with the reality of the cross, they become more familiar with the amount of love that God has to actually make the choice to go to the cross. Your products are a wonderful tool for helping them cross that line. When I have the students actually hammer the nails into a large piece of wood as if they are the Roman Soldiers, it has an eternal affect upon them.

Thanks,
Richard O. Friday

From: Christopher Moeller
Date: May 6, 2010

Attached is a lesser quality photo of one of the 7 displays that we had with them (flagrums). The faces of both the adults and the children when they picked it up and looked at it, when they touched the metal tips, and imagined their Savior being hit by it, were sobered and in awe. Many people were overwhelmed in thankfulness and humility when they saw the instruments of torture that Christ endured. The flagrums and the nails that you sent us were a big succes in enlightening our congregation to the brutality and the horrific nature of the pain that Christ endured for our sins. Many people were in tears when they picked up te crown of thorns and nails and flagrum. We had them on display at 2 of our campuses and over 10,000 people between 7 good Friday walk-through style services go to see and get their hands-on experience of what Christ endured for us. Thank you so much for your research and work you put into these. I will be sure to send you, as soon as I get them from our photographer, more high quality pictures. Since Good Friday, the flagrums have been used in various other settings at our church, such as the Children's Ministry as well as a leaders meeting for small group leaders. All are agreed that you have the most accurate interpretation of what a Roman flagrum would have been like, and are glad that we were able to use them to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in the Chicagoland area!

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From: Christopher J. Stefanick
Date: December 31, 2009

For anyone who works with teens, you know it's not always easy to get their attention & that abstract concepts don't always work. Whenever I talk to young people (or adults) about what Jesus went through out of love for us – I use your Roman whips and crucifixion nails. It offers a concrete expression to the message of the cross – one that will get anyone's attention, and one they'll remember. Thank you for crafting these high quality, power-packed ministry tools.

Yours in Christ,
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From: James Bivins
Date: May 1, 2012

As far as the whip, OH MY WORD!! I have NEVER seen 20 teenagers standing there completely speechless! I went over the detail what all a Roman scourging would involve, pulled out the whip and let them handle it for a minute, then turned around and destroyed a heavy cardboard box in just a few blows! It amazed them to actually see all of the damage inflicted by just a few blows. I think I got in 6 or 7 blows before the box was in pieces and the 80# sack of Quickcrete was pouring concrete powder onto the ground. I had purchased a 4x6 pressure treated beam from the local hardware store and then placed it on my shoulders explaining the relationship between what the box looked like after just 6 blows and what Jesus' back would have looked like after at least 39. As I was explaining how Jesus would have carried the beam. I shrugged my shoulders and let the beam hit the ground with a loud thud that made the kids visibly jump back. Next I pulled out the nails and let them examine them. Most of them had already heard how they were probably driven through the wrists. I then began striking a nail as my wife called out the name of each person in attendance. TOTAL SILENCE during this process! The look on their faces was priceless. I think for most of them, this was the first time they actually 'got it'. They finally realized what Christ actually went through and that is was done willingly. I could preach on the crucifixion for a year and not have the impact this demonstration had in only 40 minutes. Thank you for putting this together!

In Christ
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