
Life Group Sermon Based Questions

"The Three Men"

(Luke 23:32-43)

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Please begin your discussion by going through the NCC (#48). If children are present, please include them too. Remember you can use the book, the phone app or the browser website. Conclude with the prayer together.

Introduction

- 1) The Gospel books are written to tell us two essential things: the identity and mission of Jesus Christ. Look at today's text, Luke 23:32-43. What stands out to you?

Jesus Christ – His Identity and Mission

- 2) Who is Jesus and what was His mission on earth (Luke 9:18-22)? Compare this to whom the religious rulers and the soldiers were saying Jesus was.
- 3) Why is it so important for us to know who Jesus is and his mission? How does this impact you and the way you live today?
- 4) "God's grace and forgiveness, while free to the recipient, are always costly for the giver. From the earliest parts of the Bible, it was understood that God could not forgive without sacrifice. No one who is seriously wronged can 'just forgive' the perpetrator. But when you forgive, that means you absorb the loss and the debt. You bear it yourself." –Pastor Tim Keller
In your own words, describe how forgiveness is sacrificial?

The First Criminal – Conditional Submission

- 5) How is the submission of the first criminal conditional? (see vs. 39)
- 6) Does your love for Christ depend upon your life's circumstances?
For example (from Pastor Woohyun's sermon): *Maybe you were desperate for this specific job. You were greatly yearning to be loved – to find someone to marry. You longed for your loved one to get healed. You deeply desired for a baby. You wished that this financial mess you were in would somehow get resolved. You were hoping that your spouse or children would just change. So you prayed. "Jesus, if You really love me, make this happen."* Share with one another.

The Second Criminal – Relationship with Jesus

- 7) Discuss the conversion of the second criminal in verses 40-42. What does his confession say about who Jesus is?
- 8) What does it mean to be a Christian? Pastor Woohyun defines it this way: "To be a Christian is to be in a relationship with Jesus Christ and allowing that relationship to transform you." In what ways has your relationship with Christ transformed you?
- 9) How can you cultivate your relationship with Jesus today?