



GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

Advent | Sunday December 15th | Luke 23:32-49

"And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.""
– Luke 23:42

FROM THE TEXT

- Read all of Luke chapter 23. Count how many different times and ways Jesus is falsely accused in Luke chapter 23. At any point do we see Jesus defending himself? Why or why not? What is so significant about the way Jesus handles these taunts and false accusations?
- In verses 18-25 the man Barabbas is released in exchange for Jesus. How do you see the gospel clearly displayed even in this one small scene of the story? Which characters in Luke chapter 23 should we be identifying with most and why?

FROM THE SERMON

- Pastor Chris quoting John Stott said: "Before we can begin to see the cross as something done for us, we have to see it as something done by us." Why is this statement so vital?
- Every time the crucifixion account is preached on, one can easily walk away with something new or refreshed that they see in the cross and Jesus' atoning death for them. What was it this time for you?

FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- Pastor Chris asked the congregation after he read from the Corrie Ten Boom excerpt: "Have you thanked Him (Jesus)? Have you thanked Him for what He has done for you on the cross?" Was this convicting to you when you heard it? When was the last time you remember thanking Jesus, not for material blessings or answered prayer, but for his agony and love displayed on the cross for you?
- As a group, take a moment to commit to individually setting aside some time this week to reflect on what Jesus has done for you on the cross (literally get out your phone calendar and make a note somewhere). And most importantly thank Him! This is one simple definition of what worship is: Thanking God for who He is, and what He has done for us.

PRAYER FOCUS

Spend your time in closing prayer thanking God for what he has done for us in Jesus. Also, thank God for what He was doing in the hearts of our congregation on Sunday. Pray that anyone who responded to the gospel for the first time would be good soil that grows deep gospel roots and bears much fruit!