

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Scripture: Luke 23:26-43



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

On the path to and while on the cross, Jesus warned about God's wrath, prayed for the forgiveness of his revilers, and demonstrated his victory over sin and death with his promise of eternal life in paradise.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. How did Simon of Cyrene illustrate the discipleship that Jesus taught during his ministry (verse 26; Luke 9:23-24; 14:27)? Discuss how following Christ is a call to die.
2. How does Jesus redirect the women's grief (verses 28-31)? What impending event is he warning them about?
3. Does the reality of God's judgment warm your heart toward unbelievers you know? Do you anticipate ways you can demonstrate and declare the gospel to them?
4. How did Jesus respond to the violence and insults leveled toward him by the religious leaders, the soldiers, and the criminals (verses 34-39)?
5. On what basis can anyone receive forgiveness for sin and entrance into paradise (verse 43; Romans 5:8)?
6. Where in this passage do you see evidence of Christ's victory on the cross (verse 43)? What can we learn from the criminal's request (verse 42)?
7. What comes to your mind by the word paradise? How does the hope of eternal life purchased by Jesus' sacrificial death impact how you live?