

August 18 Discussion Questions - Crucified

Luke 23

Review

Gain Perspective at the Cross:

- What do you deserve?
- What has God given you in Christ?

Jesus Offers to take your Place

1. Trade your Guilt for His Goodness (v. 4,14-15,25)

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:33-34

"Jesus carried your sins into his death so that you would not carry them into yours." Pastor Colin Smith, *OpenTheBible.org*

2. Trade your Conflict for His Connection with the Father (v. 34; Mark 15:34)

"For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life." Romans 5:10

3. Trade your Punishment for His Peace (v. 44-45; Matt. 27:51)

"And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'" Luke 23:43

Connect

1. When you were young, did you get in trouble a lot? Why or why not?
2. Did you ever have to go to the principal's office? What happened?

Read Luke 23:1-5,18-25,32-47

Discuss

3. What did the Jewish leaders accuse Jesus of? What basis did they have for this?
4. What was Pilate's verdict about Jesus? Why is this important?
5. Why do you think Luke highlights Barabbas and the two criminals beside Jesus?
6. How much did Jesus suffer? What was the deepest agony for him (see Mark 15:34 and Matt. 27:51)? What do the darkness and earthquake represent?

Apply

7. How does the cross give you some perspective on your situation right now?
8. When you think about the exchange of the gospel - what Jesus took from you and what He gave to you - how does it make you feel?
9. How do you regularly reflect on the cross of Jesus? How could you make this a more regular practice? How might that be helpful?

Pray

10. How can we pray for you?