

Community Group Discussion Questions

“Tale of Two Thieves” Luke 23:39-43 February 24/25

Getting Started

One conversation, ONE RESPONSE, changes EVERYTHING. When we surrender EVERYTHING that we have, we are able to receive EVERYTHING that He offers.

Share with us about one conversation you had that changed the course of your life (maybe discussing dating or marriage, pursuing an education or career, making a financial investment, being tempted by a friend to drink, smoke, or steal, etc.)

Going Deeper

1) A Promise that is Insured “Truly I say to you”

When Jesus spoke, He spoke ‘as one who had authority.’ He never had to quote a higher authority or a biblical scholar when he spoke. How could he, when He wrote the book ☺ ? He called Himself ‘The Way, The Truth, and The Life.’ Take a few minutes to look through the Gospels and think about things Jesus said and promises He made that help to anchor your soul. What truths from Jesus are personally meaningful to you?

2) A Promise that is Immediate “Today”

So many people get trapped in religion, thinking they have to perform for God to earn His love, approval, forgiveness, and acceptance. They focus on ‘doing’ things, when the Bible is clear that what is needed has already been ‘done.’

Among human relationships, it’s true that we often need a long time to reconcile past sins and hurts. Our emotions don’t want to let go of the hurts. But God is different. **Read** the following passages and notice how quickly, thoroughly, and completely God forgives us and reconciles us to

Himself when we repent. Notice also that His desire is to bless and refresh us. (John 1:12, Acts 2:37-39, Acts 3:19, 26, Romans 5:6-11, 8:1, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.)

Share with us about your 'Today' moment when you became a Christian. How did it happen and how did you feel?

Where have you seen God's blessing and refreshment in your life since you started to follow Christ?

3) A Promise that is Intimate "You will be with Me in Paradise"

The goal of Christianity is not just avoiding Hell and getting into Heaven. It is avoiding wasting your life, and instead living in personal relationship with Jesus. Read Acts 17:26-28. How do you respond to that phrase, "In Him we live and move and have our being?"

The love of Jesus comes with NO conditions but may we live with open hands and open lives of surrender in order to experience the deep intimacy that Jesus invites us into today.

Prayer Requests