Title: “Unresolved”

Target: For the next 7 weeks we will listen, learn and lean into the final words of Jesus upon the cross, seeking to understand why He chose these 7 statements, what did they mean in context, and how do they lead us to respond today. The first statement of Jesus centers on the word “forgiveness” teaching us to bring a resolution to what may be unresolved that needs to be reconciled.

I. Forgiveness begins Vertically: “Father”

   a. Perspective in Prayer: (You love me/You see me/You get me)
   b. Priority of Prayer: (Releasing Control/Receiving Counsel/Reciprocate Compassion)

II. Forgiveness is to be offered Repeatedly: “Forgive Them”

   a. Value the Term: “to release, remit, and remove”
   b. Verb Tense: Imperfect verb tense
   c. Verifying “Them”: (“them” is “us” and “us” is “them”)
      i. Judas who betrayed Him
      ii. Peter who denied Him
      iii. Pilate who condemned Him
      iv. Soldiers who mocked Him
      v. Crowd who rebuked him
      vi. Religious leaders who blasphemed Him
      vii. Criminals who railed Him

Key Verse: Isaiah 53:12

III. Forgiveness must be viewed practically: “for they know not what they do”

   a. Ignorance is not Innocence: (Choices have consequences)
   b. Forgiveness is not Foolishness:
      i. Forgetting
      ii. Repaying
      iii. Owning
      iv. Guarantying

IV. Forgiveness is always costly: “and they cast lots to divide His garments.”

   a. The Risk: To get back what was taken leads to Fear, Oppression, Resentment, Guilt, Inconsolable, Vengeance, and Exhaustion.

   b. The Reward: The reward at the cross for the soldiers was the clothes of Jesus, instead of being clothed by Jesus.
Take Away: Make a list three names of unresolved relationships that you need to release, take them to the Father and reach out to them personally (Ephesians 4:32)