

What Matters Most: Knowing Jesus

Final Words, Luke 23:32-43

March 6, 2022

Community Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. Share your name and answer the following question:
 - What is one thing you are looking forward to?

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes) – Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:

2. **As you reflect on Sunday's message, what principle or insight did you find particularly helpful or difficult to grasp?**
3. If that sermon had to be re-delivered, what points or ideas would you encourage Nate to include no matter what?

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes) – ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app. You might consider looking up these passages online and sharing your screen to review them together.

4. **Read Luke 23:32-43.**
 - What stands out to you about how the crowd and criminals responded to Jesus in this moment?
5. **Reread Luke 23:40-43.**
 - How does Jesus' response to the 2nd criminal bring hope for us today?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18.
 - What is it about the cross that non-Christians find so difficult to embrace?
 - What is it about the cross that Christians find so powerful?
7. **Read Philippians 3:7-11.**
 - How would you summarize Paul's main idea in this passage?
 - What things do you find yourself pursuing more than knowing Christ?
 - **How does knowing Jesus surpass every other thing we find pleasure in?**

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

8. Nate shared 3 applications for this message: 1. Ask Jesus to be the forgiver of your sins and leader your life. 2. Share the Gospel with someone. 3. More diligently pursue knowing Jesus.
 - Which one of these steps do you need to take? What will that look like for you?
9. **What is something you need to give up or give less attention to, in order to pursue knowing Jesus more?**