

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Hope From the Cross, Part One | Luke 23:34

February 24 & 27, 2022



1. Read 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-15, 22-27. What do you think the different gospel was?

Think about the example from the sermon of the prosperity gospel and the progressive Christianity gospel, as well as Paul's admonition. Why do you think Christians can be duped into believing a different gospel than the one that's preached in the Bible?

2. Read Matthew 5:43-44. Have you ever had an instance where you prayed for someone who was a personal enemy or who was actively giving you grief? What was the result?
3. When Jesus asked God to *forgive "them" because they didn't know what they were doing*, who is the "them?" Is it just those standing in front of him?

Read Romans 8:34-35. Why is it good news that even now, Jesus is interceding for us?

4. Read Romans 6:23. Even though we know that all sin separates us from God and leads to death, do we still tend to think that sin comes in varying degrees of wrong (big sin vs. little sin)? Why?
5. Think about our common response to say, "no problem," when someone thanks us for doing them a favor instead of saying "you're welcome." What's the difference between the two expressions?

Read Romans 5:6. When we tell Jesus thank you for his death on the cross, is his response "no problem" or "You're welcome? Why?

6. Read Matthew 26:53. Was it more important for Jesus to save himself or be the sacrifice on the cross? Why?
7. Read Ephesians 3:16-19. What does Paul pray that the power he talks about in verse 15 will help the Ephesian church to do?
8. Why do we need supernatural power to understand the depths of Jesus' love?

Takeaway: Are you thankful for Jesus? Does he know?