

famous last words.

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Luke 23:32-43 (ESV)

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!"

³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine

³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

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

Matthew 27:46 (ESV)

⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

John 19:30 (ESV)

³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Part 2 | Jesus's Famous Pardon

Luke 23: 32-43; Matthew 27:46; John 19:30

God's forgiveness is COSTLY

he made the payment Romans 5:6-9; Matthew 27:46; 1 Corinthians 15:3; Isaiah 53:5-6

he gives the pardon Isaiah 43:25; Ephesians 1:7-9;

but given FREELY

free to the recipient Romans 6:23; Isaiah 55:6-9

to anyone who would believe on Jesus

in love Ephesians 2:4-10; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 4:15-16

and COMPLETELY!

nothing to add John 19:30

ALL sin... paid for and cleansed Luke 23:32-43; 1 John 1:7-9

ignorant and intentional sins

sins of omission and commission

sins large and sins small

sins past, present, and future

We can (and must) forgive in the same way...

1 Peter 2:21-25; Matthew 18:21-35; Colossians 3:13; Luke 17:3-5

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card at the Connect Desk.

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group. If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this as a guide for further study and growth personally.

Getting Started

Part of our time together is learning more about one another and sharing life. Toward that end...

Pull out your phone... find 1 to 3 emojis that best describe your last week or month, then share them with your group and explain why.

Review...

Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it as a group.

Digging Deeper

1. Everyone struggles at one time or another with forgiving someone. Since this struggle seems to be a universal experience, why do you think people find it so hard to forgive others?
2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
3. Remembering our need for forgiveness and God's incredible provision of it will undoubtedly help us become more consistent in our forgiveness of others. The following verses take us back to the basics of God's forgiveness. How could each passage help you grow in your ability or motivation to forgive someone else?

Isaiah 1:18

Isaiah 53:6

Isaiah 59:1-3

Colossians 2:12-14

4. How might these passages help you to "forgive as the Lord forgave you"?

5. Truly forgiving means that we do not seek our own revenge. That's easy to say, but hard to do because it can leave us feeling like the other person is getting away with something. In the following verses, what can we learn from David about not seeking our own revenge and allowing God's justice to happen?

1 Samuel 24:1-13

6. What is the most challenging aspect for you when it comes to not seeking your own revenge?
7. The best way to avoid seeking revenge is to forgive. What are some signs that suggest a person may not have forgiven someone? What are signs that suggest a person has forgiven someone?

Closing

Consider sharing your answer to one of the following with your group so they can pray for and encourage you:

- Is there an area of your life that you struggle to believe God has (or will) truly forgiven you for? (See 1 John 1:7-9; Psalm 103:12; John 19:30)
- Is there someone you need to forgive that you're refusing to? (See Colossians 3:13)

Pray for everyone in your group.

This week's Food for Thought is adapted from a small group study for North Coast Church, a sister EFCA church in San Diego, CA.

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Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Ephesians 2:4-9 (NirV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

4 But God **loves** us **deeply**. He is **full** of **mercy**. 5 So he **gave** us new **life** **because** of what **Christ** has **done**. He **gave** us **life** **even** when we were **dead** in sin. God's **grace** has **saved** you. 6 God **raised** us up with **Christ**. He has **seated** us with him in his **heavenly kingdom** **because** we **belong** to **Christ Jesus**. 7 He has **done** it to **show** the **riches** of his **grace** for **all** **time** to **come**. His **grace** **can't** **be** **compared** with **anything** **else**. He has **shown** it by **being** **kind** to us **because** of what **Christ Jesus** has **done**. 8 God's **grace** has **saved** you **because** of your **faith** in **Christ**. Your **salvation** doesn't **come** from **anything** you do. It is God's **gift**. 9 It is not based on **anything** you have **done**. No one can brag about earning it.