

Faith Group Questions 3.10.19

1. Why does Jesus begin his last recorded words from the Cross with a prayer?
2. Who was Jesus praying for?
3. What does it mean to truly forgive and be forgiven?
4. What are some possible evidences in a person's life that even though they have gone through the motions/words of being forgiven for a sin they have committed but they have not embraced that forgiveness?
5. How would you walk alongside such a person that has not embraced forgiveness that has been given to them?
6. What are some hindrances in our life that keeps us from forgiving one another?
7. What are some of the blessing of living a forgiven life?
8. Take time to pray as a Faith Group for each other to forgive as the need arises in our lives and to be able to embrace God's forgiveness and each other's forgiveness in the midst of a world full of offences and sin.

SERMON NOTES

Last Words for Today March 10, 2019

Luke 23:32-38 Forgiveness: given and received

Introduction:

What is forgiveness?

Allowing to let go or release

Forgiveness is a conscious decision on the part of the offended party to release the offender from the penalty and guilt of the offense committed.

Forgiveness: given and received Luke 6:27-28; Matthew 6:14-15; Luke 17:3-4

- How rich or how poor am I in forgiveness?
- Ephesians 1:7 (ESV) In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace...

"Father" Isaiah 53:12; Luke 6:35-36;

- Why does Jesus address His Heavenly Father to forgive?
- Is my relationship with my heavenly Father of such that I can forgive others even when they do not ask for forgiveness?

"Forgive them" Genesis 45 and 50:15-21

- Verbalizing forgiveness for those who are dire need of it.
- Forgiveness is never free – it always cost someone something.

- Forgiveness is only valid for the offender when received and accepted.

“For they know not what they do” Acts 3:17-18;

- Crucifying the Godman
- “Save yourself” when in reality He was saving them and us from our sins.

Jesus’ forgiveness is available to me.

- Have I received, embraced and accepted Jesus’ forgiveness?
- Have I given His forgiveness to all others?