

Family Talk – An Illustrative Question

READ TOGETHER

Luke 23:32-47

1. Read verse 39. What does this man's question show about his heart?
2. Read verses 40-41. What does this man's question show about his heart?

LIVE IT

Two criminals, sentenced to death for their crimes, hung on crosses on either side of Jesus. Both men had probably done terrible things to deserve their punishments. Both saw Jesus, a man who had done nothing wrong, hanging beside them, but each man responded in an entirely different way. One mocked Jesus until the very end. The other realized how wrong he had been and turned to Jesus for forgiveness. The impressive part is that Jesus forgave him.

The way these men reacted to Jesus can show us a lot about our hearts when we do something wrong. Sometimes we do something terrible, but we don't care. We may apologize, and say the words, but we don't mean them. We'd do it all over again if we could. Other times we know what we did was wrong because we know we hurt other people. Well, when we sin it hurts Jesus too. He went to the cross so He could forgive all of us, just like He forgave the man on the cross who believed in Him. That's how good God is! God wants us to come to Him when we realize we've done wrong. Ask God to show you your sin so you can be sorry and trust in Jesus, to experience the forgiveness that only He can give!

LEAN ON GOD

Dear God,

Help us to care about our sin. It hurts ourselves and others, but it hurts You most of all. Thank You so much for loving us enough to send Jesus to die for us so we could be forgiven. Thank You for Your grace.

Amen.

Hey Families,

Next Sunday, April 5, we'll be sharing the Lord's Supper separately together. You can prepare this week by gathering some elements that represent Christ's body and blood. For some families that's a bag of chips and a juice box. For others, it might mean bread, or crackers, and a beverage of your choice. Join us online at 11 am as Perry guides us through an early church version of the Lord's Supper in our homes. We'll share a guide to facilitate this experience next week.

