Growth Group Questions – 7 Crazy Things Jesus Said – 4 & 5

For starters... How were you challenged/encouraged/comforted by last Sunday's sermon?

Reading to Understand – Luke 23:26-43 (a) & John 11:1-44 (b)

1. What was something that stood out to you as you read the passage?



b.

a.

2. What question(s) came to mind as you read this passage?



b.

a.

3. What is the main point(s) of the passage?



a.

b.

4. How does this passage point to, or speak about, Jesus?



a.

b.

Going Deeper – Luke 23:26-43...

5. Why is Jesus prayer from the cross in v. 34 one of the most beautiful expressions of the gospel?

6. The two criminals crucified with Jesus demonstrate two attitudes towards Jesus.

• What does 1st criminal really want from Jesus (v. 39)?

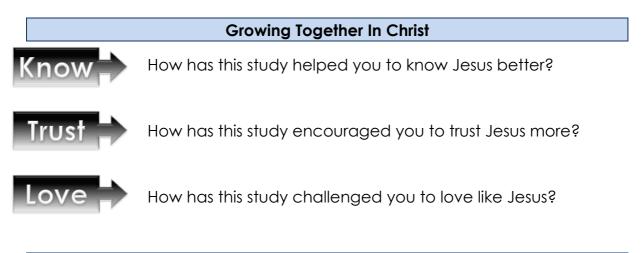
• Why is it the 2nd criminal the one who that Jesus saves?

7. Jesus declares to the 2nd criminal, "today you will be with me in paradise" (v. 43). Why is this both a crazy thing to say and yet a deep source of hope and comfort for you?

Going Deeper – John 11:1-44...

8. Why is Jesus' word to Martha in vv. 25-26 both a crazy thing to claim, and yet the source of our greatest hope in life and death?

- 9. The shortest verse in the bible is v. 35 "Jesus wept."
 - Why did Jesus weep?
 - Why is this a profound source of comfort in our own times of grief?



Meditation on the Word and Prayer

Lord God, I praise you because...

God of grace, forgive me for...

God of faithfulness, thank you for...

Loving Father, please help me...