

GR:UPS

BE LOVED. LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS.

Feel free to use these notes and questions for family or group discussions!

Seven Words From the Cross: "Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise"-- Luke 23:35-43

Two Ways To Respond To Jesus

- 1) Acknowledge Your _____ Or Deny It?
- 2) Realize Who He Truly Is Or _____ Him?
- 3) Ask For _____ Or Face Death Alone?
- 4) Remember _____ Or Ignore?

Questions For Discussion

- 1) How do you respond to the idea of being like a thief on a cross? What is comforting about that comparison? What is troubling?
- 2) One thief said to the other, "Don't you fear God?" What would it look like in your life to "fear" God? How would others know you "fear" God?
- 3) Ephesians 2:8 says, "By grace you are saved by faith..." In what ways do you try to save yourself or repay God for his grace? What words, attitude and actions do you think are required from you before God will "remember" you?
- 4) Share a time when it was clear that God "remembered" you.
- 5) In one of his final acts, Jesus reached out and gave the gift of life to a lost and sinful man who had nothing to offer him in return. How might God be calling you to reach out to the least in our society and those who are truly lost?
- 6) What gift might you have to offer people in need? How can you offer that gift this week? Before Easter?
- 7) What are other applications you could take from this week's message?