

“Amazing Grace!”

New Hope Community Church

Luke 23:32-43

April 3rd, 2022

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Life Group Discussion Questions

Week of April 3, 2022

A. Ways In Which Our Savior Suffered

1. He suffered **reputation** as a common criminal
 - His death sentence was in exchange for a murderer
 - His cross was placed between two thieves
 - Jesus exchanged His reputation for our reputation
2. He suffered **insults** and **abuse** at the hands of godless people
 - Soldiers stripped Him and cast lots for His clothing
 - Soldiers mocked His suffering and offered sour wine
 - Jewish officials mocked His claim to be the Messiah
(Ps 22:7,8,12,13)
3. He suffered **shame** before family, disciples, acquaintances
 - “And the people stood by looking on” (35a)
 - He became a public spectacle (Ps 22:6)
4. He suffered **humiliation** by people ridiculing the truth about Who He Was — King of the Jews
 - He was the Anointed One, the prophesied offspring of David
 - The inscription on His cross mocked this reality

B. Ways In Which Our Savior Responded

1. He prayed for the **forgiveness** of His murderers
Who did He include in this prayer?
 - Any participant in His death who would repent
 - “Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved”
 - The apostles, & we today, proclaim the heart of His prayer
(Ac 3:14-19)
2. He **saved** a dying thief in the final moments of His own life

Personal Reflection Pondering Amazing Grace

- The darker the evil, the **brighter** the grace!
- God’s purpose is to reveal the glory of His **grace!** (Eph 2:4-8)
- “Suffering is an essential part of the tapestry of the universe so that the weaving of grace can be seen for what it really is.”
(John Piper)
- God allows suffering in order to **perfect** us by His grace!

Read Luke 23:32-43 together.

1. What are at least three ways that our Savior suffered for our salvation?
2. Jesus responded with prayer and grace for all who would call upon His Name. Talk about the two criminals that were crucified on either side of Him.
3. God allows suffering for what purpose?

How can we pray for you this week?