



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was there anything about the sermon today you'd like to discuss further? Anything that stuck out to you or that you wanted clarification on?
2. In the past two weeks we've discussed some of the costs associated with the cross. Today focuses on what is gained. Which do you tend to focus on most? Why?
3. These two thieves were likely guilty of murder, treason, and theft. But the difference in their destiny isn't the severity of their sin but their openness to repentance. Which do you think we put more emphasis on? Why?
4. The forgiven thief expresses his belief in the innocence of Jesus. Little did he know that Christ was sinless in every way. Why is the sinlessness of Christ so important?
5. The repentant thief says "Remember me when you come into your kingdom." What all kinds of faith commitments are expressed in that phrase? How was that confession enough to grant him eternal life? When did you first put your faith in Jesus to save you and give you eternal life?
6. What is necessary in order for a confession of faith to save you from your sin? How should this influence our approach to evangelism or sharing our testimony?
7. Jesus uses the word "today." We go to be with Jesus immediately after death. Where is paradise? Is it different from heaven? If so, how?
8. Talk about how the reality of heaven helps you cope with the death of a loved one? What about your own death?
9. What challenges does the idea of heaven surface for you? How are you working through those challenges? Is there anything in this text that has been helpful towards those ends? How so?