

Things Jesus Never Said WEEK 4: "You Get What You Deserve." (Luke 23:32-43; Gal 6:7-9; Romans 3:22-24 NIV)

Imagine with me for a minute if you got an email saying that you had an appointment scheduled for you with Jesus. One hour, in person, just the two of you. What do you think He would say to you? Many people think Jesus would talk about how they are getting what they deserve, but is this really something Jesus would say?

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. [ICEBREAKER] How have you been lately? As a group, share highs (what great thing happened this week), lows (what bad thing happened this week), and prayer requests (how can we pray for you).
- 2. In Hindu and Buddhism, what you do influences your future, and reincarnation is required in order to make sure that you get what you deserve based on what you do. In Christianity, there is only one life on this earth, and the decision you make regarding Jesus determines your eternal destiny after this life. God invites ALL people to come home to him, to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and to find the life that He alone offers. Some choose to say yes to Jesus and some choose to say no. What reasons do people around you give for saying no (or deferring the decision)?
- 3. The Law of the Harvest says that you reap what you sow. You sow peaches you get peaches. And you reap more than you sow. What are you sowing into your life right now? What are you sowing into your relationships? Sowing is intentional, not accidental. You choose what you sow.
- 4. Pastor William talked about the difference between grace and karma. Karma means you get what you earn, what you deserve. Grace means you get what you don't deserve. How will this understanding change how you think about God? And how will it change the words you use in the future?

NEXT STEPS: This week consider taking time to think about your next steps in this area.

- a. Who in your life needs grace from you?
- b. What can you give them that they don't deserve?

## MOVING FORWARD

Jesus doesn't offer fair; Jesus offers Grace.

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"Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.""
—Luke 23:34 (NIV)