



**Dear Life Group Leaders,**

What a great start we had to our new series, "Seven". I hope you're enjoying it and ready for part 2! This coming week become focused on how you can help people move forward in faith from wherever they are. Don't be quick to fix, but rather willing to listen and guide people in their next... best step.

Cheering you on!

**Sincerely,  
Pastor Ryan**

## **SEVEN [part 2] In The Middle**

### **ICEBREAKER**

Share with each other the best thing that has happened in your life since the last time you gathered together as a group.

Read together: ***Luke 23: 39- 43; 1 Peter 1: 3-5; Isaiah 58: 9- 11***

### **DISCUSS**

1. What was most memorable from this weeks message? What did the Holy Spirit say to you?
2. **Luke 23: 35- 43** records the second statement Jesus made while hanging on the cross. Discuss the various attitudes people have towards Jesus in this passage. What do we learn from Jesus' statement, and who He responded to, in verse 43?
3. In **Luke 4: 1- 13** we learn that the Devil tempted Jesus to sin. Which of the two criminals tempts Jesus to use His Deity for self -preservation like we see in Luke 4? What does this teach us about temptation?

4. Do you think God wants our prayers to be focused on self-preservation or self-sacrifice? Why?

5. Based on **Luke 23:43** is salvation from sin found in a place or a person? Why does Jesus promise the criminal eternal life with Him? In other words... What did the criminal do to receive salvation? What did he not do?

6. Think of a time when you were struggling and someone was there for you. How did this person help you get through a difficult situation?

7. Sometimes people struggle to admit their set backs and difficulties. Why do you think this is? How can you make sure that you don't disqualify yourself from helping others when you experience your own struggles?

8. Read **Isaiah 58: 9-11**. We are called to serve others with our gifts, passions, and even our difficulties. How has serving others changed your perspective?

### **NEXT STEPS**

God is faithful to save us from our sins, which is called justification. He is always at work within us, preparing us for the good work He called us to. This process is called sanctification. Your sanctification is a gift and opportunity to help lead others to receive justification. How can you be proactive about that this coming week by serving others?

### **PRAY**

*"I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."* - Jesus [**Luke 23:43**]

Who do you know that needs to hear those words from Jesus? Who needs remembered in your prayers and compassionate acts of service?

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