

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When have you been given a “do over” in life (sports, work, school, with family, etc.)? What did you do with that “do over?”
2. Read John 19:1-2 & 19:23-24. Describe the responsibility of the soldiers for their deeds. In eternity, how do you think they will view their actions?
3. What are some sins that many people view as “unforgivable?”
4. Read Matthew 27:45-49. What do these verses say about the atmosphere surrounding these events?
5. Compare and contrast the response of the one soldier in verse 48 versus the “rest” in verse 49. How do their responses reflect all of us?
6. Read Matthew 27:50-53. What was the significance of the tearing of the temple curtain? How would the earth shaking and the rocks splitting point to the impact of Jesus’ death to the people at that time?
7. In verses 52 and 53, holy people came back to life and appeared to many. How does this point to the power of Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection? How does this event impact your life today (see Romans 6:4-5 & Colossians 3:1-4)?
8. Read Matthew 27:54. The guards were terrified. The sense in this context communicates that they realized their guilt in killing Jesus, and the Roman Centurion was in charge of these men who tortured and crucified the Son of God. What was his response to what he observed?
9. How does your sin compare to that of the Roman Centurion? How has your sin been paid for? What is your response to the reality that your sin took Jesus to the Cross (indifference, fear, humility...)?
10. A friend tells you he or she is too far gone to be forgiven. How might this story encourage them?
11. What situation or events did God use to convince you that Jesus was the Son of God?
12. What area of your life needs to be surrendered to Jesus? What step will you take toward surrender today?



A Roman Centurion

Matthew 27:45-54

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