

**Small Group Bible Study Questions. Sermon by Pastor John. Feb. 15'26:
Father Forgive! Luke 23:32-34**

From Brendan: “These questions are a guide. You do not have to use every question. Knowing your group, go over these questions and ask God what questions you should focus on. May God bless and guide your discussions!”

- Welcome everyone and open with prayer.

Icebreaker Question:

- What’s something small but surprisingly hard for you to forgive—like bad driving, slow Wi-Fi, or someone eating your leftovers?” Any other examples?

Follow-up from last week:

- Did anyone share their faith? Did anyone reach out to a difficult relationship?

Read Luke 23:32-34 (What stands out to you?)

1. Luke places the crucifixion in a historical place (the skull). How does this historical context shape your understanding of Jesus’ prayer? What resonates with you the most — the act of crucifixion, the soldiers gambling, or the silence before His prayer?

2. Jesus’ first words from the cross express forgiveness. What does this say about God’s heart? Why do you think Luke chose this as the first saying?

3. We see intercession as standing between justice and sinners. What does it mean for you that Jesus stands between you and judgment? Where do you find yourself defending or justifying your actions?

4. “Time doesn’t erase sin; someone pays.” How does this challenge our cultural views on forgiveness? What impact does it have knowing the One praying is also the One making the sacrifice?

5. At the cross, some gamble and mock — there’s no neutrality. In what small ways might we overlook Jesus?

6. **Life Application:** Is there someone in your life you need to forgive? Or ask for forgiveness? Maybe it is time to address this?