

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

"Today you will be with me in Paradise" March 8, 2020



Opening Question

1. Have you ever been to a funeral where a parent said goodbye to one of their children? Share some of your feeling.
2. How do you handle seeing suffering in this world?

Going Deeper

1. Read John 19:17-27. Picture the scene. What do you notice? Who do you identify with? Why?
2. Now picture yourself as Jesus looking down on Mary and John. What's going through your mind? Now picture yourself as Mary and then John; what would be going through your mind?
3. Read Luke 2:33-35. How do you read these verses in light of the cross?
4. What does Jesus mean when He tells John, behold your mother? Read Luke 1:28-30. Does this change the way you look at Mary? Is Jesus saying more than, "Look after my mom"?

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5. In the message Sid said this story with Mary John at the cross is about being 're-membered'. What does this mean? How are we 'dis-membered' as humankind?

6. Read I Corinthians 15:55-57 and I Thessalonians 4:13-14. How do these passages apply to John 19? How does it change the way we approach life?

7. Read Matthew 12:46-50. How does this passage strike you? What is this passage telling us about the church and being 're-membered'?

8. Read Galatians 3:26-29. What are these verses saying about being 're-membered'? How is this lived out in the church?

9. Read I Corinthians 11:23-25. What should we be remembering in light of the cross?

BLESS Rhythms Summary:

BLESS: This is the practice of blessing another person. It can be big or small (buying coffee, encouraging text/email, etc.). *Who have you blessed this week?*

LISTEN: This is the practice of listening, both to God and to others. *How did you set time aside this week to be a listener?*

EAT: This is the practice of sharing food with people. This can happen in a home or in a coffee shop. *Who are you eating with/ inviting into your home?*

SPEAK: This is the practice of speaking our faith. It can happen through encouragement, story sharing, and evangelism. *How have you spoken your faith this week?*

SABBATH: This is the practice of resting from work and taking time to rest and enjoy creation. *How are you practicing Sabbath this week?*