

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. Read Luke 23:39-43. What are the four differences between the two criminals? What does this teach us about true conversion?
2. What do we learn about the nature of faith from verse 42?
3. Why do you think Luke included this story while the other Gospel writers left it out?
4. Read verse 43. How this verse give you hope personally? What does it reveal about Jesus? How does this verse refute other theological perspectives within Catholicism and Mormonism regarding what happens after death? (think about the word *'today'* and the Catholic and Mormon understanding of baptism's role in salvation)

Welcome to



To glorify Christ by being and making disciples

Announcements

- ✓ Fall Retreat! October 23 & 24 at Clydehurst Christian Ranch. You aren't going to want to miss it!!
 - The early bird price is only \$60 from now until 10/8! After that, the price will go up to \$85. You can sign up on our website, crosslifeatgrace.com, or at the back table after CrossLife tonight
 - We will leave Grace at 4pm on Friday 10/23 and return on Saturday evening
- ✓ Timothy 5 Project – looking for a way to serve? The Timothy 5 Project is a way for you to serve others in our church by helping them move items, yard work, etc.
- ✓ Girls clothing exchange! Tomorrow night at the Klostermeyer's house at 7pm. (194 Kermodi Street)
- ✓ Guys dodgeball! Tomorrow night in the Activity Center at 7pm. Bring your war paint!
- ✓ CrossLife blog! Check out our library of helpful articles crosslifedotblog.wordpress.com
- ✓ Female Fall Fun & Fellowship Festivities! Next Friday night at 7pm at J&J's – 1144 Upper Tom Burke Rd
- ✓ Guys – we're going to do something exciting next Friday.
- ✓ Harvest Party!! Mark your calendar for Saturday night, 10/31. Location TBD

Message Outline

A Tale of Two Thieves

Luke 23:39-43

- A. Crime in Ancient Rome
- B. What can we learn from the death of two ancient criminals?
 1. Salvation is possible for the vilest sinners.
 2. Salvation is a free gift for anyone who embraces Jesus by faith
- C. What was the difference between the two men?
 - v. 40 – Fear of God
 - v. 41a – Recognition of Sin
 - v. 41b – Recognition of Jesus
 - v. 42 – Trust in Jesus
- D. The Eternal Consequences of Trusting Jesus