



Last Words

Week 1: Father, Forgive Them | Teacher: Libin Abraham
Sermon Questions for 3.3.2024

Opener

When was the first time you remember someone extending forgiveness to you?

Read

Luke 23:33-34; Matthew 5:44; Isaiah 53:12; Acts 2:36; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 10:26-27; Colossians 2:13; Romans 4:7-8;

Main Points

1. The crowds were committed to crucify Jesus. Jesus was committed to pray for them.
2. People made Jesus their enemy, but Jesus made them the gracious focus of his prayer.
3. Our desire to forgive and pray for those who have wronged us must precede their confession and repentance.
4. Ignorance may reduce blame, but it does not erase guilt.
5. If we are without Christ, our greatest need is to be forgiven. If we are in Christ, our greatest confidence is that we have been forgiven.
6. Religion: *I've messed up, my dad's going to kill me!* Gospel: *I've messed up, I need to call my dad right now!*

Engage with God in a Group

- What thoughts run through your mind when you think about forgiveness?
- When someone asks you for forgiveness, how hard is it to say, "I forgive you"?
- How likely are you to forgive someone who has wronged you but doesn't even ask for it?
- What role does forgiveness play in your faith?
- Who, in your life, do you need to forgive?
- How might God want to share, through you, his desire for forgiveness and life to someone who doesn't know him?

Bottom Line

Forgiveness is not the end goal, but the means to a life with God here and forever.