



Sermon Discussion Guide
Meeting Jesus: Jesus and the Pharisees
Luke 23:32-43
Jeff Heiser, March 8, 2020

Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

1. What did Jeff mean when he said that the first thief was stuck in his present reality? What might be a consequence of an earthly or temporal vision of our salvation?
2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

THE THIEVES (vv. 39-42)

1. One thief mocked him, and the other believed in him, but they both died that day. Why is it significant that Jesus doesn't offer *either* thief an end to their crucifixion?
2. Share a time that the Lord has used pain or discomfort to draw you or others to himself.

JESUS (v. 43)

1. In your own words, explain the Biblical concept of Paradise. In light of this, how does Jesus' offer of salvation differ from the first thief's expectations of salvation?
2. Jeff said these words: "The first one home is a thief." What are the implications of this truth? How does it comfort you?

Step 3: Final Reflections

1. How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
2. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?