

DRAW NEAR

And Be Forgiven!
Luke 23:33-49; John 19:16-18

Message: November 22, 2020

Key thought: You will find forgiveness when you are honest about your spiritual condition and cry out to Jesus.

Discuss:

- What is the difference between simply knowing something to be true and admitting it?
- Read Luke 23:33-43. In our passage, Jesus was crucified with two criminals. What stands out to you most about these two sinners?
- What does one sinner recognize about the holiness and righteousness of Jesus? How does he exemplify honesty about his own spiritual condition?
- How do we often view what it will be like to stand in God's presence? Read Isaiah 6:1-7. How does this passage show us what it is like to truly stand in God's presence? How should this effect how we live here and now?

Apply:

- Admission of our sin is vital in drawing near to God. What often keeps you from being honest about your true spiritual condition? Read 1 John 1:9. What is requested of us and how is this verse comforting?
- In light of our passage, we know that believing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God is necessary for salvation. How can someone KNOW HOW they can be saved? Read Romans 10:9-13.
- What do you think a proper response to truly seeing Jesus should be? In our passage, we see one criminal cry out in repentance and in faith. What does it mean for you to repent? What does it mean to respond in faith?
- Oswald Chambers writes, "The thing that awakens the deepest fountain of gratitude in a human being is that God has forgiven his sin." Jesus alone has the authority to forgive sin. Would you say that you are fully trusting in that today? Is there anything that you need to ask the Lord to help you to forgive yourself for?

Together:

Read aloud Psalm 32:1-11. Pray together that we would all be honest about our spiritual condition and cry out to the Lord for forgiveness knowing that He is faithful to forgive.

