

## Westwood Life Groups - *A Place to Belong & A Place to Grow*

Life Group Leaders & Meeting Times (groups with a \* meet at the Westwood building):

\*11:45 - David Britton

\*1:00-Bob Deason

1:30 - Terry Boyd & Tim Deason

6:00-Byron Chambers, Tim Jennings 6:00 - \*Jimmy Priestley, John Hanson, Ken Beck, Rudie Thomsen, \*Mike Garrison, Brad Hillis, \*Kelly Hillis

**(PLEASE, CALL IN ATTENDANCE TO CHURCH OFFICE)**

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### *Three Crosses*

- Today we want to study the three crosses that were at Calvary on the day Jesus died. Three crosses were erected that day, and how different each one was.

#### *I. The Cross of \_\_\_\_\_*

- **Luke 23:39**
- He spurned good even on the day of dying. He cursed his way to hell in the most solemn hour of history.
- And maybe the most amazing thing of all is that for a moment, the Savior of the World was a mere few feet away from him.
- He had an opportunity to turn his eternity around, even then, and he squandered it.

#### *II. The Cross of \_\_\_\_\_*

- **Luke 23:40-41**
- This man knew that he deserved his punishment, but this Jesus certainly didn't deserve any of it.
- He was the one who asked Jesus to please "*remember me when you come into your Kingdom*" (**Luke 23:34**).

#### *III. The Cross of \_\_\_\_\_*

- **Luke 23:33**
- Think about the relationship between Hosea and Gomer (**Hosea 1-3**).
  - It's in a similar manner, that God loves you:
  - He created you.
  - He watched you wander after other pursuits and interests and put them before Him.
  - He set His heart upon you and now through the life and death of Jesus Christ, He paid the penalty and bought you back.
  - As He embraces you, He whispers in your ear "*You are mine twice mine: I made you and I bought you back.*"

#### *Close...*

- The center cross is a proclamation to the entire world that God is love. This cross symbolizes more than any one thing the price of our Salvation. Our sins took Jesus Christ to Golgotha where He paid the penalty of sin to set us free from its power.
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Westwood Church of Christ  
Sunday Morning  
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**Life Group Questions**  
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1. In your **OPINION**, do you think we have “cleaned up” the reality and horror of the crucifixion of Christ? If so, why? And what are the possible dangers of such?
2. What do we know, or at least what can we surmise, about the thief who rebelled against Jesus? (**Luke 23:39**)
3. Why do you think the unrepentant thief chose to seek Christ even on the day of his death? What causes some today to make the same choice and how can we help to remedy such?
4. Initially the penitent thief spoke against Jesus as well (**Matthew 27:44**). What do you think was said or done that changed his mind toward Jesus? (**Luke 23:34**)
5. From **Luke 23**, what three things do we learn that the penitent thief did to secure eternal life in Christ? (**Luke 23:39-42**). How is this similar or dissimilar to us today?
6. Reflect on the story of Hosea and Gomer (**Hosea 1-3**). What does this story teach us and how should it affect us today?
7. Jesus was crucified with a thief on either side of Him. What is the clear message that we receive from that **center** cross?