



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Fanatical Forgiveness

Luke 23:34

Life Group Questions

04/17/11

- 1) Read Luke 23:26-33. Can you imagine the emotions running through the humanity of Jesus' mind leading up to his crucifixion? What in your life has been the most difficult thing you've ever faced? What was your response?
- 2) Read Luke 23:34. What is the first word of that verse? Would you consider Jesus' words in this verse a prayer to God the Father? When you are in serious crisis and pain...is your first response prayer? If not, what is it that prevents you from prayer in difficult circumstances?
- 3) According to Luke 23:34 Jesus' prayer is aimed at forgiveness. Who is Jesus speaking to when he says the words, "Forgive them"? Was he referring to you in that prayer? Why or why not?
- 4) Read Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 8:12 and 1 John 1:9. What do these verses say about forgiveness? What does it mean in your mind to confess sin? Is confession and repentance a onetime event or a regular need? Why or why not? Is it hard for you to forgive? Why? What does your difficulty with forgiveness say about your surrender to Jesus?
- 5) In Luke 23:34 what did Jesus mean when he said, "...for they know not what they do"? Was he speaking to just the crowd gathered at Calvary or was he speaking to you too? How is it possible for the same crowd who threw their cloaks on the ground for Jesus in chapter 19, in the course of a few days full of murderous rage towards him? Are we like that? Why or why not?