

4. Read Luke 23:32-43. This is a remarkable passage. What are some of the most remarkable aspects of this story to you?

The Road to the Resurrection

"Your Biggest Problem...Really!"

Luke 23:32-43

Your _____ is your biggest problem and the cross is God's only solution.

1. Your biggest _____.
Luke 23:32-33,39

5. What are some of the ways this story can be helpful in sharing the gospel with someone who doesn't personally know Christ?

Our sin disqualifies us from living in the new creation. Jesus came to _____ us.

Luke 23:40-41

Their biggest problem isn't passing from this life, it's perishing in the life to come. Our biggest problem is _____ separation from God caused by our sin.

6. As you pray with your small group, share the name of one person you know who has never received Christ as their Lord and Savior and pray for them. At Five Oaks we often refer people in our BLESS List. This is a list of about five people in our lives who do not know Christ that we pray for and look for ways to BLESS (Begin with prayer, Listen with care. Eat together. Serve in love. Share our story)

2. God's only _____.
The mess we're in—all the problems we think are our biggest problems—are our problems because of _____.

We put ourselves in God's _____, so he saves us by putting himself in our place. On the cross Jesus takes what only we deserve and we receive what only he deserves.

Luke 23:40-43

The second criminal repents and asks for God's grace. He puts his _____
in Jesus.

3. How to _____ God's only solution to your biggest problem.

"All this man brings to the equation is his sin, his shame and his request." (Mike McKinley)

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. A distinction is often made between people's "felt needs" and their deeper, real needs. What are some of the most common felt needs people have.

3. What are some of the reasons we often downplay the impact of sin in our lives?