

UPHILL – GOLGOTHA

OPEN

Discuss “how significant is a name.” How do you feel when someone remembers / forgets your name?

REFLECT

How did all three people in this sermon (Simon of Cyrene, Roman soldier, and thief on the cross) react to Jesus initially?

Read Mark 15

What did you learn from this sermon?

What stood out to you from this portion of Scripture?

Where is Cyrene?

Why was Simon in Jerusalem at this time?

When did each of these three (Simon, Soldier, Thief) change their view of who Jesus was?

Why did the soldier seeing “how he had died” exclaim “Truly this man was the Son of God? For the Roman this title “Son of God” would have been reserved for Caesar. *Why* would he apply it to Jesus?

What about the way Jesus died (and lived) changed this soldier’s mind (presuming he saw hundreds of people die)?

How was Simon impacted? Though it’s not 100% conclusive, what can we infer from Romans 16:13 and Mark 15:21?

What caused the one thief to change how he viewed Jesus?

What might have kept the other thief from also acknowledging Jesus as Lord?

How did this sermon challenge you?

How do Scriptures such as **Matthew 6:9-15; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:21-23, 3:13** challenge believers to grow in their faith?

APPLY

How do these passages challenge you to live differently?

How did the story of the church planter in India that Lynn shared affect your understanding of forgiveness?

MEMORIZE Colossians 1:13-14

13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

PRAY

Pray for God to open your eyes to see areas that you need to grow in being like Jesus in forgiving others. Pray for opportunities to allow forgiveness to create opportunities to share the transforming power of the gospel.

NEXT STEPS: Here at FCC we seek to be a transforming community that makes disciples who make disciples and shows compassion to others. As disciples, we are called to be on mission / change agents who follow God's rescuing purposes for our community and the world.

If you are not involved, here are a few ways to help you do that:

1. Grow in community by getting plugged in to our Sunday Educational classes, join a Small Group, or other periodic events here at FCC.
2. Serve! We all have a responsibility and gifting to be used for others – Ephesians 4. You have gifts, talents, and abilities that need to be used for God's glory. To figure out what place might be best for you, visit <http://myfcc.church/serve/volunteer-opportunities/>
3. Check out our Belong class. Here you can learn all about FCC, how to get connected, and how you can partner with us in God's plan for this world!