

1. We often equate visible success with God's activity and struggle with His absence. **Where have you seen that mindset show up in your own life recently?**
2. In **Mark 15:1–15**, everything looks chaotic and unjust. **Why is it so hard to believe God is still working when circumstances feel out of control?**
3. The sermon emphasized that *God is working in ways we may not recognize*. **Can you think of a past situation where you only later realized God was at work? What changed your perspective?**
4. The moment with Barabbas shows substitution—Jesus taking the place of the guilty. **What makes it difficult for us to truly see ourselves as “Barabbas” rather than as “basically good people”?**
5. The gospel truth presented was: *the innocent is treated like the guilty, so the guilty can be treated like the innocent*. **How does that reshape the way you view your standing before God?**
6. The sermon said, *“The cross redefines what victory looks like.”* **How does our culture define victory—and how is that different from what we see in Jesus?**
7. In your current season, **what might you be calling “loss” or “failure” that God could actually be using for something deeper?**
8. Jesus stayed on the cross to save others. **How does that challenge the way you think about suffering, endurance, and obedience in your own life?**
9. When Jesus cries, *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”* **How does knowing He was forsaken so you never will be change how you walk through dark or lonely seasons?**
10. The closing question asked: *“What are you interpreting right now that you might be getting wrong?”* **What is one situation in your life you need to reframe in light of the cross this week?**