

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

PASSAGE: Luke 22:14-34

story reveals the necessity of the cross. Our sin is so great and the wrath of God so real that only the death of Christ can save us.

story reveals the shocking power of sin -- they are selfish in the face of the savior going to the cross.

story reveals the amazing grace of Christ through the cross -- in the face of their sin, he commends them and expects his grace to work.

story reveals the power of the cross. Their sin requires his sacrifice -- his sacrifice will prevail in their lives -- he sees all present sin in light of the cross. This is not positive thinking nor is it winking at sin -- it is redemptive seeing, paying the price for sin, and knowing his blood will prevail -- and therefore seeing their present sin with eyes of certain hope

questions:

1. Do you think of yourself as weak needing a helper or helpless needing a Savior? in what area of your life are you not yet helpless apart from Christ?
2. Do you see sin in others or grace in others? Are you more aware of the power of sin in others or the power of grace in Christ? What would it look like to see grace in others?

QUOTES:

There is nothing in us or done by us, at any stage of our earthly development, because of which we are acceptable to God. We must always be accepted for Christ's sake, or we cannot ever be accepted at all. . . . This is not true of us only when we believe. It is just as true after we have believed. It will continue to be true as long as we live. Our need of Christ does not cease with our believing; nor does the nature of our relation to Him or to God through Him ever alter, no matter what our attainments in Christian graces or our achievements in behavior may be. It is always on His 'blood and righteousness' alone that we can rest." - B.B. Warfield

My faithful request and admonition is that you join our company and associate with us, who are real, great and hardboiled sinners. You must by no means make Christ to seem paltry and trifling, as though He could be our helper only No, No! He must be a Savior and Redeemer from real, great, grievous and damnable transgressions and iniquities. Martin Luther

"Ah! you lamenting souls, that spend your days in sighing and groaning under the sense and burden of your sins, why do you deal so unkindly with God, and so injuriously with your own souls, as not to cast an eye upon those precious promises of remission of sin which may bear up and refresh your spirits in the darkest night, and under the heaviest burden of sin?" - Thomas Brooks