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Listening to the Cross: The Seven Last Words of Jesus
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The first word: Luke 23:32-37

How does this prayer influence how you pray for others? Do you take time on a regular basis to confess your sins so that you might enjoy the freedom of forgiveness? How do you need to experience God's forgiveness in a fresh way today? Who needs to experience your forgiveness?

The second word: Luke 23:39-43

What "heart attitudes" characterize the two thieves? Reflect on the prayer of the thief and the passion of Jesus for the lost.

The third word: John 19: 25-27

How important was John's presence/availability to Jesus? How does the cross form new family connections?

The fourth word: Matthew 27:45, 46

In what sense does God the Father "abandon" God the Son? What does it mean to you that Jesus was abandoned by the Father so that you might not be?

The fifth word: John 19: 28, 29

How do you respond to Jesus' statement "I am thirsty"? What does this statement suggest to you about Jesus? About yourself? What does it mean to "thirst" for the Lord? What makes us "thirsty of the Lord"?

The sixth word: John 19:30

Do you feel that you live as if Jesus finished the work of salvation? Is it hard for you to have confidence that God will finish that which he has begun in you (Philippians 1:6)?

The seventh word: Luke 23:44-49

What scripture do you cling to in times of difficulty? What makes it difficult for us to place our daily lives (and our future) in God's hands?