Lent: Discussion Questions (3/10/24)

Week 5 - Father, Forgive Them

Instructions: A life group is a family growing in Jesus together (worship), caring for each other (community), and BLESSing our neighbors together (mission). Start with a couple of the CONNECT questions. Then read the Scriptures and discuss. Make sure to conclude by applying the passage and finishing with a time of prayer.

CONNECT TOGETHER (choose 1-2)

- 1. What is something you are thankful for this week?
- 2. How have you seen Jesus at work in the world around you? How have you been able to join him? Remember, God works through small stories.
- 3. Are you facing a challenge right now?
- 4. From Sunday's message, is there a thought or idea that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, or surprised you?

READ Luke 23:33-38

- 1. Have someone retell the passage in their own words.
- 2. Does anything stand out as surprising, interesting, confusing, or powerful?
- 3. What do you learn about people in this passage? (yourself, others)
- 4. What do you learn about God in this passage? (his character, his ways, etc.)
- 5. Why is Jesus the kind of king willing to have a cross for his throne?
 - a. How does this affect the way you think about God?
 - b. How does the hope of resurrection make suffering worth it?

LIVE IT OUT

- 1. During this Lenten season, what attitudes or actions are being exposed that are NOT like Jesus?
- 2. During Lent, how are you being formed into Jesus' image? Are you using the Lenten Prayer Guide from provided? (avalonchurch.org/resources)
- 3. Have you been baptized since following Jesus? If not, what keeps you from being baptized?
- 4. In what other ways can you apply today's passage? How is this passage calling our group to live out God's mission to bless others?

PRAY

