

Next Steps: Read Luke 23:39-43.

How did the two criminals react to Jesus? What were their different requests?

How did Jesus respond to the 2nd criminal? What promises did Jesus make to him?

Read the story of the “Rich Young Ruler” from Mark 10:17-23. What did the Ruler ask of Jesus? What did Jesus tell him to do? Do you think Jesus is making it too hard for this young man?

How would you compare the “requirements” Jesus placed on the young ruler to how Jesus responded to the criminal?

Read Hebrews 13:5.

What does this verse have to say about “the love of money?”

What does this verse say about God’s presence with His people?

We don’t always feel God’s presence. There are times in life when we feel very distant. During these times we need to choose to trust in God’s promise, not our feelings.

Jesus promises the criminal he would “be with Him in paradise.” How do you think that promise impacted the criminal? How does that promise encourage you?

Read Revelation 2:1-7. What commendations are given to the church at Ephesus? What is their huge problem? How do they remedy that problem? What is the promise to those who “hear” and “overcomes?”

Next Week: We will continue our “Last Words Of Jesus” series, taking a look at what Jesus said to John as described in John 19:23-27.