
BAD BOYS OF EASTER

Week 5: Barabbas + New Life in Christ



What'cha gonna do when they come for you? They all came, or they all left him. One by one, disciples, religious leaders, and the Roman Governor, were the bad boys who sent Jesus to the cross. Count down the last hours of Jesus' life with these bad boys who deceived, doubted, denied, and ultimately put Jesus to his death.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share your faith story. How did you come to faith in Jesus Christ, or how are you growing closer to faith in Jesus Christ, if you have not yet made a decision to trust him for forgiveness + salvation? (Be sure to spend a good deal of time here - 25-30 minutes).
2. As you reflected on the faith stories shared tonight, did they remind you that faith in Jesus Christ has not only an individual but also a communal dimension? Why or why not?
3. **Read Ephesians 2:1-10, 19-22.**

There is a contrasting element in Ephesians 2:1-10 - name it. What are the differences of those who are dead (2:1-3) and those who are alive (2:4-10)? What, according to the passage, is the catalyst between being dead and being alive?

4. According to Paul, it is by grace that we are saved. How is being saved grace, and what does "being saved," mean? Leaders, use online Bible commentaries, dictionaries and the like to help you. You might also consider downloading the Faithlife App to help you discern meaning.
5. Considering your own faith story, and as you grow into the power of new life in Christ more, do you see a before and after contrast as you submit to Jesus' leadership and Lordship in your life?

Pray for one another to be more submitted to Jesus' leadership and Lordship in your lives.

BE THE REVOLUTION

God gives us grace through Jesus Christ - our leader and Lord - and desires us to submit to him.

RENOVATING THE HEART

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God...(Ephesians 2:8).