



The Seven-Mile Miracle Leader Guide

Session 2: Salvation

Mile 2- Via Dolorosa

“Let us remember His salvation.”

The second marker on our seven-mile journey brings us to Via Dolorosa, the symbolic route in Jerusalem where many believe Jesus carried His cross. In this video session, Pastor Furtick unfolds for us how the grace Jesus displayed on the cross is God’s way of reaching out to us exactly where we are.

Nothing stops the forgiveness of God from flowing in your life except from your unwillingness to receive it. Pray that during this session God will open your eyes to see the salvation that is available for you in Jesus Christ.

“Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”

The criminals who hung beside Jesus on the cross represented a contrast of the kinds of people that Jesus came to save. On one side, a criminal hurled insults at Jesus, mocking Him for not saving Himself. On the other side hung a criminal who acknowledged the fact that he belonged on the cross- but Jesus didn’t. His cry was simple but profound: “Jesus, remember me” (Luke 23:42).

“He couldn’t save Himself because He didn’t come to save Himself.”

Jesus had the capability of saving Himself from the torture of the cross. But His death was our only means of salvation. His purpose- our salvation- was bound to the fulfillment of His crucifixion.

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“It’s to be delivered from the dungeon, where we deserved to be placed.”

Jesus was the last person who deserved to hang on the cross. Each of us belonged in the middle of those two criminals. Jesus didn’t- He hung as a result of our sins. But He didn’t die for us to be sorry that He took our place. He died for us so that we can be changed.

“A new 24.”

When you experience the salvation of Jesus Christ, you become a brand-new creation. Pastor Furtick used the illustration of receiving a new 24 second shot clock in basketball. Through the grace of His salvation, we receive new mercies every single day. Every morning is a fresh opportunity for you to walk in the full extent of His salvation.

“Not only should we be saved from our sin, but we should be saved to a holy life.”

Too often we forget that our deliverance is not only about being rescued out of our sinful lives, but it’s also about being transformed into a new life of freedom, joy, and deep satisfaction in Jesus.

Read Luke 23:39-43. For a deeper study read Genesis 40:23, Lamentations 3:19-26, and Colossians 2:6-7.

Discussion Questions:

1. This video segment was shot on the Via Dolorosa- “The Way of Sorrows.” This is the path that Jesus walked as He carried His cross. What thought does this bring to your mind? How does it make you feel to see the actual road Jesus took to be crucified?

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2. What stood out to you most during Pastor Furtick's video? Share your takeaways with the group.

3. How were the perspectives different for the criminals who hung next to Jesus in Luke 23:39-43?

4. If Jesus had the power to rescue Himself and the criminals from the cross, why do you believe the criminal asked Jesus

5. Reflecting on your past, give an example of a moment where you cried out for God to save you from a dire situation. What was His response? What did His response to you reveal about His character?

6. What is your response to knowing Jesus paid the debt we deserved to pay? What emotions does that evoke in you? How does it inspire you toward change?

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7. God's word tells us that despite the circumstances in our lives, our mercies are new every morning. What makes this meaningful to you? What "new mercies" do you want to experience today?

8. Pastor Furtick compared these new mercies to receiving a new 24 second shot clock in basketball. Who do you know is ready to embrace their "new 24"? how can you reach out to them this week?