

SERMON NOTES

Date: March 7, 2021

Series: Cries from the Cross

Title: The Cry of Pardon

Text: Luke 23:34

Big Idea: Jesus' cry of pardon reveals his commitment to the ministries of prayer and intercession on behalf of sinners.

APPLICATION GUIDE

DISCUSS

What does Jesus' prayer for the Father to forgive his persecutors tell us about his character (Luke 32:34)?

What does his prayer tell us about our real spiritual needs (cf. Isaiah 53:12)?

How did Stephen follow Jesus' example in Acts 7:54-60?

APPLY THE TRUTH

Even though you didn't personally drive in the nails that put Jesus on the cross, it was because of your sin that Jesus had to die. How does his cry for the pardon of sinners encourage you in light of your sin against God today?

Why do or don't you feel like praying when you're sinned against or suffering?

Why is a commitment to prayer the right response in these circumstances?

God wants us to love and pray for our enemies (cf. Matthew 5:44). Who is someone you might consider an enemy to lift to God in prayer?

Write out three things you can pray for them in love:

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

Romans 12:14 says, "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them." Look for ways to bless and not curse those who persecute you (or merely those who give you trouble and grief).