

## **AMAZING LOVE 08: FATHER, FORGIVE THEM ...**

*As ever, please use (or discard!) these ideas as is most suitable for your group. Don't feel you have to use everything.*

**Please read Luke 23:32-34**

### **For discussion:**

1. In this passage we see Jesus praying for the forgiveness of people who were in the act of killing Him. What experience do you have of trying to love someone who persists in hurting you? How did that work out for you?
2. What was Jesus affirming when He addressed God as "Father" even in this terrible moment? What term do you usually use to address God? Why? How might your faith be affected if you started addressing God in your prayers as "Father"? How would it help you better understand the relationship between you and God?
3. What does Jesus reveal about His love when His first prayer from the cross is not for Himself but for His enemies? How does this challenge you ... and encourage you?
4. Jesus might have asked God to judge them, but instead He asked for their forgiveness. What does this reveal about God's heart attitude toward us?
5. How did God answer this prayer?
6. What responsibility do you and I bear for the death of Jesus? In what sense was Jesus praying for us? How would it change you if you could hear Jesus praying this way for you?

### **In Conclusion:**

- What has encouraged you most in this study? What has challenged you most? Pray about your response.

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