

YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE SECURITY

MARCH 8 ♦ *Luke 23:39–43*

DISCUSSING GOD'S WORD

1. What is Jesus saying to the criminal next to Him when He tells the criminal that he will be with Him in paradise?
2. Why does the criminal's request to be remembered prompt this response from Jesus?
3. What do we learn about the nature of saving faith as we observe the radically different responses of the two criminals in this passage?

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

1. The criminal who asked to be remembered was given assurance from Jesus. What was the criminal's role in securing that assurance?
2. What are some mistakes we make at times when we are looking for assurance? Where do we look that we shouldn't? Where should we look instead?
3. How can we build our confidence that we have an eternal inheritance with God in heaven?

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

1. Ask God to give us confidence that our future is with Him based on our faith in the work of Jesus.
2. Ask God to break our hearts for those who have no such assurance, and move us forward with boldness to tell them how they can have it.