Sermon Based Study Questions for 5.3.2015 Sermon One Step Behind Jesus: The Great Switch Luke 23:13-25

Today's passage has us asking a simple, yet profound "why" question. "Why would God allow Barabbas, a vile, guilty, rebellious, notorious offender to be released for the innocent Jesus?" And our Next Step will answer that crucial question.

Next Step: Jesus wants us to trade or switch His freedom for our sins

<u>Ice Breaker Questions</u> – (choose one to answer/ask)

 Has anyone ever offered to pay a price for you or undertake a cost that belonged to you? What happened?

Opening Questions

- Is there anything from Sunday's sermon that really stood out, made an impression, challenged or confused you?
- Why were the chief priests so against Jesus?
- Why was there discussion about who to release: Jesus or Barabbas?
- How is Barabbas a picture of how God deals with each of us?
- What is most troubling, and most exciting about Jesus trading His freedom for YOUR sin?

Bible Study

Read Luke 23:13-25

- Why did Pilate have to call the people back together in vss. 13-17?
- Why wasn't the decision of Pilate and Herod in v. 15 enough for the people?
- Why did Pilate give in to the demands of the crowd in v. 24?
- What is most striking to you about the language in v. 25? Read and re-read it slowly.

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Application

- Think back to your sins that Jesus switched with His freedom. Give thanks to Him for the Great Switch.
- Are there sins currently in your life that you need to switch with Jesus for freedom? Ask
 Jesus to make the Great Switch with you.

Scripture Memory - Luke 23:14

