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“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”
- Luke 23:34

Talk about the first time those words of Jesus captured your attention. Was it from a movie, a sermon, lesson in a church class, maybe even camp?

Read Hebrew 12:1-2 Begin by sharing your thought from this familiar passage. What comes to your mind? Why is this challenge so important for a follower of Jesus? Explain why the author uses the word JOY to define what Jesus is doing.

Has there ever been a time in your life that you felt like people were attempting to “ruin” your life? What, why, how, when, and/or where?

Compare Acts 3:17 and 1 Corinthians 2:8 with what we see in Luke 23:34. Does that help to understand why “they” did what they did? Then, if so, does that help us to understand why people do what they do? (Explain)

How would you define/explain **FORGIVENESS** to someone who is searching for a greater understanding and wants to start practicing real Christ like forgiveness in his or her life?

Pick one of these verses to memorize to help build an awareness and reminder to forgive in your life. Share which one you choose and why... Proverbs 19:11; Matthew 5:7; Ephesians 4:32

Finishing up and going a bit deeper before we are finished:

When we say “I forgive you.” or “that’s all right,” do we feel forgiveness or are we only mouthing the words?

Can Christians live full lives without forgiving?

Do forgiving people appear weak in today’s society?

When the attempt to forgive leads to further conflict; what happens?

Pray