



What Love Says | The Word of Forgiveness  
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**START TALKING | (Find a conversation starter for your group)**

We all buy insurance -- car insurance, and homeowners insurance, among others. What is the difference between insurance and assurance?

**START EXPLORING | (Read the Bible)**

Read Hebrews 9:27

- What happens once we die?
- How does this show the man's understanding of the eternal consequence of his sins?

Read Luke 23:41

This verse shows how the man (the "other criminal") realized that Jesus did not deserve the same fate as him.

- Do you think that the dying man understood that Christ was truly *sinless*?
  - Why or why not?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21

- What does this verse say about Christ and what he does for believers?

**START SHARING | (Choose a question to create openness)**

- How would you explain personal salvation to someone?
- What would you say to a believer to let them know that they can have assurance of their salvation?
- What is one thing God spoke to you as you listened to the message?

**(more on the back)**



**Start Praying. (Be bold and pray with power)**

*“Dear God, we open our hearts to you. We know we are far from perfect and have made our share of mistakes. We ask for your loving forgiveness, and we pray that you will remember us as we live our lives in you. Thank you for your care and grace. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.”*

**Start Doing. (Commit to a step, and live it out this week)**

When sharing the certainty of our salvation with others, how might knowing that our salvation is not predicated on being good enough or too bad, but on the perfect nature of Christ, helps us best reflect God’s gift to his creation? Commit this week to show this certainty to someone who needs it.