






 <p>SERIES & TITLE</p>	<p>CROSSROADS: Choosing the Road Less Traveled - Similar Yet Very Different</p>
 <p>BIG IDEA</p>	<p>We first make our choices, and then our choices make us.</p>
 <p>ICE BREAKER</p>	<p>Share a time when you had to make a difficult choice between two options and how that decision impacted your life.</p>
 <p>MAIN POINTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Life is full of choices, some with momentary consequences, others with eternal consequences. ● We don't become who we become by accident. We become who we become by making choices, choices which determine who we become. ● The two criminals on the cross with Jesus had very different responses and choices, leading to contrasting eternal outcomes. ● Salvation is by grace alone, not by works, and is available even at the last minute through repentance and faith in Jesus.
 <p>DISCUSS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What most stood out to you about the message this weekend? Why? 2. Discuss the statement: "We first make our choices, and then our choices make us." How have you seen this play out in your life or the lives of others? 3. Compare and contrast the attitudes and choices of the two criminals on the cross with Jesus. What can we learn from their responses? 4. Explain in your own words what the Bible means when it says that salvation is by grace alone. How should this impact the way we view our relationship with God? 5. Share about a time when you had a heart of "godly sorrow" that led to repentance and salvation, rather than "worldly sorrow" that leads nowhere?
 <p>NEXT STEP</p>	<p>Take some time this week to reflect on the choices you are currently making, both big and small. Identify any areas where you may be making choices that are leading you down a path away from God. Commit to making different choices that align with God's will for your life and lead you closer to Him.</p>
 <p>SCRIPTURE</p>	<p>Luke 23:39-43 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."</p> <p>Romans 10:9-12 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."</p>
	

NEXT WEEK
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Join us next week and invite a friend as we continue a new series called CROSSROADS: Choosing the Road Less Traveled, looking at the lives of people in the Bible when they were at a crossroads in life.

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