



"Casting Lost For Gain" Mark 15:38-39
Sam Burluson, March 24, 2024

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- As time allows, general conversation about the sermon is welcomed.

Discussion Questions

In this sermon, we explore the tension between personal gain and the greater good through the lens of a game show called "The Wall." The show's premise, involving decisions that can lead to significant financial gain or loss, serves as a metaphor for the choices we face in life. The sermon then transitions to the biblical account of Roman soldiers casting lots for Jesus' garments during His crucifixion, as told in the Gospels. This act of gambling for personal gain contrasts with the ultimate decision made by God for the good of humanity through Jesus' sacrifice. The sermon challenges us to consider our own decisions and the motivations behind them, encouraging us to look beyond immediate benefits to the eternal good that God has decided for us in Christ.

- If you could be a contestant on any game show, past or present, which one would you choose and why?
- Pastor Sam's opening illustration was about the NBC game show, "The Wall." How does this show reflect the complexities of decision-making in our own lives?
- When thinking about the soldiers who cast lots for Jesus' garments, how do their actions reflect human nature and our own pursuit of personal gain?
- In what ways do we sometimes miss the bigger picture of God's plan when we focus on immediate benefits?
- Can you share a time when a decision for personal gain did not lead to the good you expected?
- How can we apply the centurion's change of heart to our own lives when we face decisions?
- How do we consider the greater good that God has in store for us when confronted with an opportunity for immediate gain?

Closing Prayer

