

Final Words- Week 3

A Word of Love

Jesus Seven Words from the Cross

The Word of Forgiveness

"Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."

The Word of Hope

"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Word of Love

"Woman behold your son" then he said to the disciple, "behold your mother."

The Word of Agony

"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

The Word of Identification

"I thirst."

The Word of Victory

"It is finished!"

The Word of Trust

"Father into your hands I commit my spirit."

Discussion Questions

1. Take a look at Jesus' seven statements from the cross.
 - Why do you think Jesus chose to speak the words that he did?
 - Do any of Jesus' final words surprise or confuse you? Do any impress you?
 - Are there any of Jesus' final words that you can identify with or seem meaningful to you at this point in your life?

Read Together John 19:25-29

2. One of the commands throughout Scripture is to *"honor your father and mother."* Jesus clearly honors his mother all the way until the very end. What does it mean for you to honor your father and mother at this stage in your life. Is this easy or difficult?

3. Jesus sees His mom even as he is hanging on the cross and teaches us that **even if I am in pain I should see the pain of others.**

- Why do you think it is helpful to see the pain of others even when you are facing a difficult time?
- Is there a difficult time that you have gone through in your life that has turned out to be helpful in ministering to the pain of someone else?

4. What did you think about the story of Miles, the gold star kid, who paid it forward to another soldier? What lessons can we learn from Miles and his story?

5. Jesus tells Mary to “*behold her son,*” speaking about John who would begin to care for her. This teaches us that **When we are hurting we should see the help of others.**

- On a scale of 1 - 10 how good are you at receiving help from others?
- Have you ever known people that have withdrawn from community when they face a trial or difficult time? Why do people so often withdraw from others during their times of need?
- Talk as a group: What would be one way that your community group could support a need that you have these days?

6. Jesus tells John “*behold your mother.*” Instructing John that as a **Christian he must see the needs of the greater family around him.**

- The video talked about our immediate family (*1 Timothy 5:8*), our Spiritual Family (*1 Timothy 5:1-2*) and our global family (*James 1:27*).
- Read each of those scriptures one at a time and talk about what they mean for you in your current situation?

7. Take time to close in prayer. Pray especially for the upcoming Easter Week. Please pray for yourself that you would experience Christ in new and deeper ways this Easter. Pray for your fellow group members to also grow closer to Christ this season. Pray especially for people coming to the different Easter services that their hearts would be open to the amazing message of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Is there someone that you are inviting to join you at church this Easter season?