



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Remember that Life Groups are a place where we practice what is preached. We discuss the Bible for transformation, not just information.



Icebreaker: What is your favorite place to eat and why do you like to eat there?



PRAY:

Pray together for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to behold wonderful things (Ps. 119:18) as your group meets with the Lord.



READ:

Ask a group member to read **Luke 23:34 & Psalm 103:8-12** out loud.



DISCUSS:

Before you discuss these last words of Jesus, briefly reflect on his crucifixion. What events led to this moment?



IDENTITY:

In Luke 23:34, Jesus' asks God to forgive those involved in his crucifixion. How does this forgiveness extend to all of us? What does it look live out of God's forgiveness?

WORSHIP

When you reflect upon the mercy, grace, love and patience God has shown you through forgiveness, what is your heart's response?

COMMUNITY



Reread Psalm 103:8-12 and create a list of the attributes of God. What would it look like for our Life Group to emanate these attributes as a community?

MISSION

Have you ever thought someone was "beyond forgiveness" or perhaps known someone who thought that about themselves? How does the good news of this passage change how we interact with this way of thinking?



GROUP ENGAGE:

Jesus' words on the cross remind us of our mission as His ambassadors. As a group, try this idea to engage in the mission of God or come up with your own.

Who is the one person closest to you, who is the furthest from Jesus? Share whatever name comes to mind with your group, then write the name on on a note card, commit to praying for that person's heart to be open to the gospel. Pray through this list of people every week this month and consider inviting them to one of our Easter services or planning an Easter event you can invite them to.

WE ARE FAMILY:

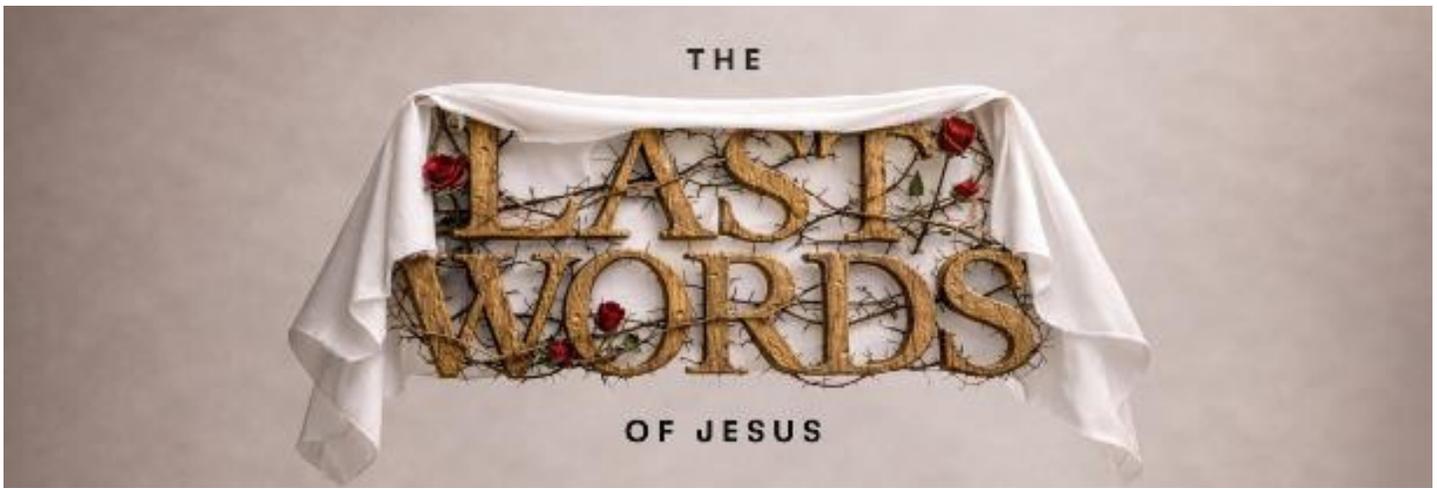
How can you hold each other accountable to respond to God this week?

Share prayer requests (either as a group, or as partners/smaller groups)

VALUE SPOTLIGHT:

GOODNESS | That which reflects the Character of God.

We can reflect God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness to one another and the world.



SERIES OVERVIEW:

We connect dying words to the end of life, but Jesus' last words were just the beginning. This Easter season, we're exploring seven powerful things Jesus said from the cross. In this series we'll draw statements from all four Gospels that mark Jesus' death and resurrection as the two most important moments in history.

MARCH 1

Luke 23:34 & Psalm 103:8-12

Big Idea: God's heart is to forgive sinners.
Key Question: Why does Jesus expect the Father to forgive sins?

- Forgiveness is from the nature of God. (v. 8)
- Forgiveness is the plan of God. (vv. 9-10)
- Forgiveness is the work of God. (vv. 11-12)

MARCH 8

Luke 23:35-43

Big Idea: Jesus suffered to save sinners.
Key Question: What attitude do we have towards Jesus' suffering?

- Scoffers expect Jesus to be miraculous. (vv. 35-38)
- Self-righteous dismiss Jesus is capable. (v. 39)
- Sinners ask for Jesus to be merciful. (vv. 40-43)

MARCH 15

John 19:26-27 & Matt 12:46-50

Big Idea: Jesus creates and cares for his spiritual family.
Key Question: How does Jesus create and care for his spiritual family?

- Jesus' family is created by belief, not bloodline. (v. 26)
- Jesus' family is cared for by community, not cast away. (v. 27)

MARCH 22

Matthew 27:46 & Psalm 22:1-24

Big Idea: We receive the highest acceptance because Jesus experienced the deepest agony.
Key Question: What did Jesus experience on our behalf?

- Jesus experienced the deepest agony. (vv. 1-21)
- Jesus received the highest acceptance. (vv. 21b-31)

MARCH 29

John 19:28-29 & Hebrews 2:17-18

Big Idea: Because Jesus is fully human, he is able to fully save humans.
Key Question: Why did Jesus become fully human?

- To serve as our High Priest. (Heb. 2:17a)
- To make propitiation for our sins. (Heb. 2:17b)
- To empathize with our condition. (Heb. 2:18)

APRIL 3

John 19:30 & Hebrews 10:10-14

Big Idea: The single sacrifice of Jesus secured our entire salvation.
Key Question: What did Jesus mean when he said, "It is finished"?

- His sacrifice is a once for all time sacrifice. (v. 10)
- His sacrifice secures victory forever. (vv. 11-13)
- His sacrifice secures perfection for those being saved. (v. 14)

APRIL 5

Luke 23:46 & Acts 13:26-39

Big Idea: The resurrection is the Father's vindication of the Son.
Key Question: What does the resurrection demonstrate?

- Salvation fulfilled. (vv. 26-33)
- A forever king revealed. (vv. 34-37)
- Forgiveness for anyone who believes. (vv. 38-39)