

**Parting Words: Thirsty**  
 Small Group Discussion  
 John 19:28-30

**Intro Questions** (try to get everyone involved in discussion):

- How are you doing this week, in the midst of the coronavirus crisis? What has been the most challenging aspect of this situation so far for you? How have you seen God at work in the midst of the challenges?
- Transitioning to today's discussion, when you finish working or exercising outside, and you are extremely thirsty, what beverage is your desired thirst quencher?

**Read** John 19:12-27, to get a sense for the context. Discuss:

- Does any observation jump out at you in this scene? Is anything puzzling to you?

**Read** John 19:28-30, then discuss the following.

- How do you tend to view Jesus in this scene? More as a helpless, pitiable victim, or as someone who is in control of his own destiny?
- We know from all of Jesus' previous references to his "time" (throughout John's Gospel), that he has anticipated this moment and has been in complete control of its arrival. How does that affect the way you view him on the cross? What is important about the fact that he was in control of his destiny?
- Why was Jesus concerned "that Scripture would be fulfilled" in his dying moments? To what do you think he is referring in this concern?
- When Jesus says, "I am thirsty" (v. 28), what is he talking about?
  - Read the following passages, and discuss how they relate to Jesus' statement in v. 28.
    - Jeremiah 2:12-13
    - John 4:7-15
    - John 7:37-39
  - Pastor Josh said in this week's sermon, "Jesus thirsted so that you could be quenched." In what way did Jesus experience a deep, cosmic thirst that is greater than anything we've ever had to experience?
  - How did his thirst on the cross enable us to have our souls quenched?
  - Have you experienced this satisfaction of your deep thirst?
  - What things keep you from satisfying your thirst in Jesus?
  - Are you experiencing the lack of anything, during the current crisis, which is exposing your thirst for God more than ever?
- What is Jesus referring to when he says, "It is finished?"
  - Mark, Matthew, and Luke all tell us in their Gospels that Jesus let out a "loud cry" just before he died. How does that description—applied to this phrase, "It is finished," help us to understand what Jesus meant? (*This was not the defeated moan of a helpless victim, but the victorious cry of someone who had just crossed the finish line of a grueling race.*)

- To what extent do you find rest and peace in the “finished” work of Christ, in the here and now? Is there any area where it is hard to believe that Jesus finished your justification on the cross?
- Given the challenges of the present crisis, which we mentioned at the outset, how does this passage give you encouragement and/or hope for today?

**Sharing/Prayer**

- As always, take some time to share areas where you need people to pray for you. Spend time praying for one another, and asking the Spirit to “apply” the finished work of Jesus to your hearts.
- Specifically pray for needs of which you are aware in relation to COVID-19, such as sick relatives/friends, or front-line medical workers.