



## OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for bringing us together in this moment right now. We ask that You would guide us by Your Spirit as we explore the final words of Jesus today. Open our ears to hear, our eyes to see and our hearts to receive all you have for us today. We thank You for this small group time we're about to have. In Jesus' name, amen.

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

### John 13:34-35 (NIV)

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

### Mark 10:43-45 (NIV)

<sup>43</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

### Luke 22:42 (NIV)

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

## Final Statements from the Cross

- 1) "Woman, here is your son." "Here is your mother." (John 19:26-27)
- 2) "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34)
- 3) "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)
- 4) "I am thirsty." (John 19:28)
- 5) "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34)
- 6) "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." (Luke 23:46)
- 7) "It is finished." (John 19:30)

# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Week 5 April 13, 2025  
“Final Words”

## INTRODUCTION

Like anyone who knows they are dying, Jesus wanted to communicate what he believed was very important for his friends and followers to hear. Jesus communicates several important ideas about the way of life in the Kingdom of God during the Last Supper and in the garden of Gethsemane. Then he makes seven important statements from the cross. But what do these words mean for us today?

The words that Jesus speaks in the final 24 hours of his life are meant to be internalized by our hearts; and form and shape who we are as human beings. He calls us to love one another and to serve one another. He calls us to not only receive His forgiveness, but to then forgive others. He reminds us that in our darkest moments, when it feels like God has abandoned us, He hasn't. Then He shows us to put our trust in Him. This is the way of life in His kingdom.

## QUESTIONS

1. Do you find yourself more spiritually connected to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, or Easter Sunday?
2. If you knew you were dying, what would you want to communicate to your family and friends?
3. Read John 13:34-35 (on page 1). Jesus says this is the central ethic in the Kingdom of God. What does it look like for you to love someone as Jesus has loved you?
4. Read Luke 22:42 (on page 1). As Jesus is facing death, he prays that God's will be done and not his. Would you be willing to pray this prayer when you go through a dark season of your life?
5. Read Jesus' 7 last statements from the cross (on page 1). Which one is the most meaningful to you and why?

## FINAL APPLICATION

Read Mark 10:43-45 (on page 1). How can you adopt the mentality of a servant this week in your sphere of influence? How can this group help?