

## Passion Sunday

*"The Last Word on Grace"*  
John 19:16-30

**THE BIG IDEA:** Jesus lived a life and ministry of grace all the way to the end. In his words on the Cross, he declared and lived out his gracious love toward us. Jesus took care of the concrete needs of his disciples and his family as well as their need to be reconciled to God. He does the same thing for us and that's the Good News!

### OPEN WITH PRAYER

### GETTING STARTED

1. Easter is coming up this week. What is your best holiday memory? What made it so good?

### LEARNING & APPLYING GOD'S WORD

#### **Together, read John 19:16-30**

2. Briefly re-cap Greg's sermon for those in your group who couldn't make it to church on Sunday.
3. Throughout this passage several different characters are mentioned. Who are they? Take a moment to think about which one you most closely identify with. Share with your group who it is and why you identify with that character.
4. Jesus takes care of the needs of his mother now that he's going to die. How has Jesus take care of you? How has Jesus he been faithful in meeting your needs in the past? Are there needs you have that still need to be met?
5. In verse 27 Jesus said the words, "I am thirsty." Jesus, as a human being, was dying of thirst (that in fact was the way crucifixion worked since the sufferer either died of asphyxiation or dehydration). It is no wonder, then, that Jesus experienced great pain on the Cross. Is it helpful for you to know that Jesus himself experienced pain? Why or why not? How does his suffering and death meet your pain?
6. Jesus finally declares in verse 30, "It is finished." Our sins can keep us imprisoned in guilt and shame. Our accomplishments can bind us to successes in the past. Both can prevent us from being free for in the

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present or the future. What sin, or accomplishment, is holding you back? Where do you need to hear Jesus' words, "It is finished?"

7. Based on your discussion of the questions above, take a few minutes to write down what it means to you that Jesus died on the Cross. What's the significance for you? Use the space below to write. Be prepared to share with your group.

### LIVING OUT "REAL LIFE"

8. One of the things we have talked about recently in church is that our faith, while being PERSONAL, is never PRIVATE. Jesus suffered and died for each of us individually, but he also died for everyone else! With that in mind, is there someone you know who is in pain or who's suffering that you can come alongside and offer Christ's compassion? How will you do that this coming week?

### SHARING AND PRAYER (Prayer Requests)