

SEVERNA PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

GROWING GODLY GENERATIONS

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A Study Guide
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This booklet contains a devotional guide on the seven last sayings of Jesus. There are also spaces for taking notes during the sermons in this message series.

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SESSION 8

Read Luke 24; Matthew 28:18-20

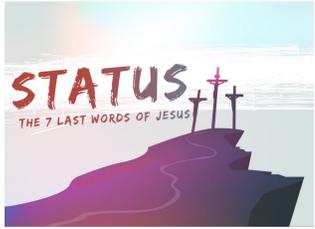
What do you think makes some people not understand and value the death and resurrection of Jesus?

Looking back over the previous pages, how has reading about the death and resurrection of Jesus impacted your life?

Why do you think Jesus commissions His followers to tell others about His death and resurrection?

What is a next step of faith for you?





STATUS: Forgiveness A Word Of Healing Luke 23:34 (March 10)

“And Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them,
for they know not what they do.’”

SESSION 7

Read Luke 23:46; Matthew 27:50-54

What is the significance of Jesus giving up his spirit, rather than the text saying, “Jesus died”?

What is significant of the events following Jesus’ death recorded in Matthew’s Gospel?

In spite of the disciples seeing Jesus die, what should give the disciples hope? What fears do you have about dying and death?

What do you hope occurs in your first few days stepping into eternity?

SESSION 6
Read John 19:28-30

What is finished in the eyes of Jesus? How could Jesus' statement be viewed both negatively and positively?

What finish lines have you crossed in life? Describe how these have impacted your life.

How often do you think about your ultimate finish line? What do you hope to accomplish?

Since Jesus has already given us victory, what faith risks should you consider taking?

STATUS: Paradise
A Word Of Hope
Luke 23:43
(March 17)

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

STATUS: Child
A Word Of Family
John 19:26-27
(March 24)

“When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, ‘Woman behold your son!’
Then he said to the disciple, ‘Behold your mother.’”

SESSION 5
Read John 19:28-30

What does the Gospel writer mean “all was now finished”?

How does the thirst of Jesus relate to you?

Can you identify any times in the Bible when people needed God to quench their thirst?

Can you describe a time in your life when you felt parched and distressed?

What lessons have you learned about God in your thirst and distress?

SESSION 4

Read Matthew 27:45-50

Can you identify any other moments in the life of Jesus where he may have felt forsaken by God?

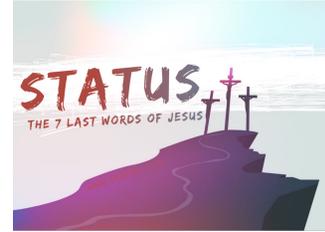
What does it mean that God forsook Jesus?

Can you describe an experience where you felt God was hiding His presence from you? What caused or could cause that feeling to go away?

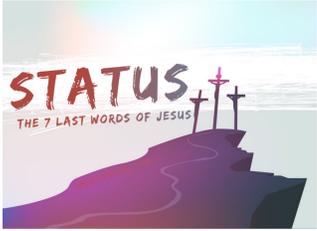
What does the Bible say about God forsaken believers today?

When do you feel the closest to God? What are you doing to cultivate a closer relationship with God?

STATUS: Forsaken A Word Of Presence Matthew 27:46 (March 31)



“About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Eli Eli, lema sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?’”



STATUS: Thirsty A Word Of Fulfillment John 19:28 (April 7)

“After this, Jesus knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), ‘I thirst.’”

SESSION 3
Read John 19:23-27

How would you describe the emotions and thoughts of Jesus' mother and close friends during his crucifixion?

What do you think made Jesus link together his mother with the beloved disciple? How does this relationship relate to Jesus' view of the church?

How would you describe your family?

What does it mean to you that God can be your Father? How has the church acted like a family to you?

What are some actions you could do to be a better sibling to church family?

SESSION 2

Read Luke 23:39-43

What do you think it was like for Jesus to be punished and suffer among criminals?

What made the one criminal request grace from Jesus? How does this relate to your request of God's mercy and grace?

What have Christians been saved from? What have you been saved for?

How would you describe paradise? How would you describe heaven? How do your descriptions compare and contrast?

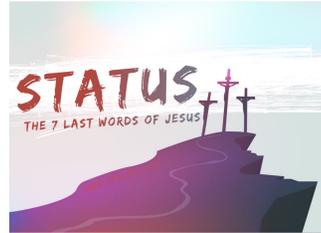
What do you most look forward to about heaven?

How does the hope of heaven relate to your everyday life?

STATUS: Finished
A Word Of Victory
John 19:30
(April 14)

“When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, ‘It is finished,’ and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

STATUS: Spirit
A Word Of Reunion
Luke 23:46
(April 21)



“Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit.”

SESSION 1
Read Luke 23:34

What do you think made Jesus ask God to forgive the crowds of people and his executioners?

What is your favorite Bible verse/passage describing God’s forgiveness?

What does it feel like to have a clean slate and fresh start with forgiveness?

Have you ever experienced forgiveness from God? On what basis do you believe God has forgiven you?

Is there anything in your life where you need to ask forgiveness from others?

Is there anyone you need to forgive and haven’t done so yet? What does the Bible say about the relationship between unforgiveness and bitterness?

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Reading the Bible can be *life-changing*. The reason is because the Bible is more than just print on a page but words that breathe life into our souls. We encounter the living Word when we read the written word of God.

If you are reading this, you are joining many in our church to explore the **“7 Last Sayings Of Jesus”**. Our church will take multiple weeks to study and teach from through these. There is an accompanying reading guide for devotional use and perhaps group discussion. In all, this booklet is meant to encourage and enhance your spiritual growth.

Spiritual growth best happens in **community** with others. We encourage you to find a few friends to participate in this experience with you. Maybe a group meets weekly for fellowship with food included, prayer, sharing insights and encouragement. You will be surprised how much growth and strength you will draw from this over time. Even more, this would be a great opportunity to invite a non-believer to explore the life of Jesus in a non-threatening way to have spiritual conversations.

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