

LAST WORDS: NEED

Life Group Questions | Sunday, March 22, 2020

In Jesus, the God of the universe—maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen—became what it means to be truly human. God fully took on humanity to the point of identifying with our need and our fear.

Read John 19:28-29.

What emotions or thoughts arise when you consider Jesus in need like this?

Read Hebrews 2:14-18. What stands out to you in this passage? What questions do you have? Why is it important that Jesus was fully human? Discuss as a group the implications of Jesus' humanity.

Take a few minutes to reflect on the places in your life where you feel need. What happens in you when you consider Jesus knowing what being in need is like? How does it impact the way you relate to God?

The details accounted for in John 19 are so that "scripture could be fulfilled." John is highlighting that Jesus fulfills Psalm 69—that Psalm 69 are the words of the Messiah, the words, the prayer of Jesus. In fact, several NT authors saw that as well. Five times in the NT, the words of Psalm 69 are attributed to Jesus. This is a psalm of lament; the psalmist is crying out to God in the midst of trouble, expressing the anguish and fear that he is experiencing.

Read Psalm 69. What stirs in you as you hear this poem? Can you imagine God, in Jesus, saying these words? Why or why not?

As you are willing, share of a time when you experienced great need or fear. How would you describe God's presence and faithfulness in that time?

Jesus shows us—as fully human—how to meet fear and need with confidence in the Father. He trusts the Father so completely that he is willing to hand his life over to him. Jesus goes before us, showing us the way of releasing our lives over to him, too. What do you find yourself gripping to right now? What would it look like to loosen your grip on temporary securities and deepen your confidence in God?

Close in prayer.

FYI: As a church staff, we are taking this season of need in light of the coronavirus very seriously. We want to do all that we can for the New Hope family and we want to partner together to serve the community around us. On our website at newhopepdx.org/events, you can find two ways to partner:

1. Let us know you need help.
2. Let us know you can help.