

# LAST WORDS: A MOVING EXPERIENCE

*Life Group Questions | Sunday, March 8, 2020*

In his last moments of extreme agony and pain, Jesus shows incredible concern and compassion for his closest loved ones. While hanging on the cross, he enters into his mother's suffering, and takes the time to commission her future provision and protection.

**Spend a few minutes reading** John 19:1-25, and pay special attention to Jesus' words in verses 26 and 27.

Considering the context – the horrible ridicule and physical abuse – why is Jesus' choice of words so profound? What kind of emotions does this story illicit for you?

In the Greek, the word *compassion* refers to feeling something in our inner core, literally to our very "guts". It's entering into the suffering of another, to the extent that we feel their pain and grief, and take steps to relieve or reduce it.

How does this definition compare to society's? How does it compare to yours? What's your natural response to suffering and grief? Do you shy away? Or push in?

Jesus was a man of compassion. The gospels give consistent accounts of his heart for the hurting, lost, and ostracized (Matt. 9:36; 20:34; Mark 1:40-41; Luke 7:13-14).

Practically, how would you like to reflect this same care and compassion, in everyday life?

**Take a few moments to consider** acts/instances of compassion in your own life (whether you received or extended compassion). As you feel comfortable, share one instance with the group.

How did this experience impact you overall?

**Close in prayer.**