

# LAST WORDS: IT IS FINISHED

*Life Group Questions | Sunday, March 29, 2020*

Have you switched to working from home this month in light of coronavirus? In 3 words, describe what the “at home” experience has been like for you.

**Read John 19:29-30.**

Review the story of God as described below.

- *God created our world. Everything was good. But darkness, sin, and death interrupted that goodness. God promised to restore things to their perfect beginning. God's chosen people, the people of Israel, do their best to make that happen, but can't quite pull it off.*
- *Everyone looked forward in hope to a Messiah. Eventually God straps on human flesh and enters our world as Jesus. After declaring himself to be the way, the truth, and the life Jesus is put to death.*
- *In his death and resurrection, all the darkness that had haunted God's good world was defeated.*
- *When Jesus says "it is finished," he declared victory over those things. The debt is paid. As we look to the cross we see that, because of God's great love, darkness doesn't have the power it once had.*

Does this account of the story align with your understanding? How so? How not? What is finished? Does it seem like things are “finished?” How do you make sense of Jesus' statement and the daily brokenness and darkness we see and experience in our hearts and our world?

**Read Romans 8:18-26.** Read the passage aloud once more, slowly. Pay attention to the words and/or phrases that grab your attention.

Take 2 minutes for silent reflection. Talk to God about that word or phrase. Listen for how God may want to speak to you through that word or phrase. As you are willing, share your reflections with the group.

The most repeated word in this passage is HOPE. HOPE for the future. It is finished, but it's not over. HOPE doesn't diminish the darkness of our world. HOPE acknowledges the darkness and courageously chooses the light.

How have you seen HOPE in the midst our current global crisis? Not a naïve indifference, but a courageous perseverance? As you turn to prayer now, ask God to reveal one or two simple, yet brave ways you can partner with Christ to spread HOPE this week.

**Close in prayer.**