

Woodland Hills
Home Group Discussion Questions
March 20, 2016

1. Have you ever thought what you would want your last words on earth to be? And to whom?
2. We have many conversations each day, week, month, and year, many of them the last or only we will have with a person, have you ever thought of the impact you've made in people's lives during these conversations regardless how important they are? Have you ever said things you wished you had not?

I used to always share with our staff at the conference center where I served this thought: set the right example by what you say and do, someone here on campus wants to grow up to be like you!

3. What do you think of Ted's statement "your last words will flow straight from your heart"?
4. What does the statement by J. C. Ryle "While the blood of the greatest sacrifice started to flow, the greatest of all high priests started to intercede" say to you?

Read the following:

Luke 23:39-43 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:39-43

5. Could Jesus have saved himself?
6. Why didn't he?
7. What do these verses say to us as Christians?

Matthew 27:45-46 From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. 46 About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

8. When you read these words that describe the this event, what do you think people thought when darkness came? Of Jesus's statement?

Read the following:

John 19:28-29 Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." 29 A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. John 19:28-29 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19:30

9. What thoughts do you have about Jesus's statement "It is finished"?

Read the following:

46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. Luke 23:46

10. What does this verse say to us about trust and our relationship to the father?

A closing thought:

"The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."
Proverbs 12:18 NIV