

# Sermon Based Bible Study

## "IT IS FINISHED." JOHN 19:25-30

Talking through the message during the week with your family (or by FaceTime with other) helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, 'I am thirsty.' 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. When He had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. John 19:28-30

1. How would your spouse or friend answer this question about you? "Is \_\_\_\_\_ (your name) more of a "starter" or a "finisher"?"
2. What are some of the unfinished projects/business in your life? Why are they unfinished?
3. What does it mean to you that Jesus finished all that He started?
4. How does Jesus express His passion to complete what He started in Luke 22:39-46?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 8:10-12, Galatians 5:22-26, Philippians 1:3-6 and Acts 20:22-24. These passages give us the blueprint on how to finish strong and complete our unfinished business.
  - What do these passages say to you about finishing strong?
  - Describe a time when you finished strong. What did you learn from that accomplishment?
  - A lot of people start, but few finish. Why do you think it is so hard for most of us to stay the course?
  - Do people in today's world have trouble keeping their commitments? Why do you think that is?
  - What is one thing you can do right now to help you finish strong? How will you take that next step?
  - What are some specific ways your friends, family and LifeGroup can help you take your next step?
6. Use these prayer tips to guide your time with God this week to expand your conversations both in person and online:
  - Ask God to reveal what your unfinished business is and how you can complete it.
  - Commit to focusing on your task and finishing strong.
  - Seek God's help and guidance as you identify your unfinished business.
  - Ask God to show you what your next step should be as you complete the work God has called you to do.
  - Ask God to remove the distractions in your life that are keeping you from taking your next step.
  - Ask God to strengthen you to finish all of the tasks He has called you to do.
7. Praise God for all that He has accomplished! Nothing is left undone!
  - Born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21-23)
  - Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:4-7)
  - Would enter Jerusalem as a king on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:4-9)
  - Would be rejected by Jews (Psalm 118:22; I Peter 2:7)

- Die a humiliating death (Psalm 22; Isaiah 53)
- Sold for thirty pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12; Matthew 26:14-15)
- Betrayed by a friend (Psalm 55:12-14; Matthew 26:49-50)
- Disciples forsook Him (Zechariah 13:7; Matthew 26:56)
- Accused by false witnesses (Psalm 35:11; Matthew 26:59-60)
- Spit on Him (Isaiah 50:6; Matthew 27:30)
- Silent before His Accusers (Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 27:12-14)
- Wounded and bruised (Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 27:26)
- Hands and feet pierced (Psalm 22:16; Luke 23:33)
- Crucified with thieves (Isaiah 53:12; Mark 15:27-28)
- Prayed for His persecutors (Isaiah 53:12; Luke 23:34)
- People ridiculed Him (Psalm 22:8; Matthew 27:41-43)
- Took his clothes and cast lots (Psalm 22:18; John 19:23-24)
- His forsaken cry (Psalm 22:1; Matthew 27:46)
- Gall and vinegar given Him (Psalm 69:21; John 19:28-29)
- Bones not broken (Psalm 34:20; John 19:33)
- Committed Himself to God (Psalm 31:5; Luke 23:46)
- His side pierced (Zechariah 12:10; John 19:34-37)
- Darkness over the land (Amos 8:9; Matthew 27:45)
- Buried in a Rich Man's tomb (Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60)
- Would rise from the dead!! (Psalm 16:10; Mark 16:6; Acts 2:31)
- Ascend into Heaven (Psalm 68:18; Acts 1:9)
- Would sit down at the right hand of God (Psalm 110:1; Hebrews 1:3)