

The Word of Distress/Suffering

John 19.28-29

Focus: on how Jesus' physical and spiritual thirst on the cross displays his humanity and love and invites us to love Him back,

Resources:

Here are some helpful resources for this study:

<https://www.ligonier.org/blog/jesus-thirst-and-our-spiritual-rehydration/>

<http://sermonsevenwords.blogspot.com/2012/03/i-thirst-sermon-by-john-piper-desiring.html>



NW's 2018 Priority

Bought: we belong to Christ!

we want to ...

- *be captivated by the truth that we belong to Christ, that we are His people and...*
- *be in awe of this privilege...*
- *respond in willing obedience...*
- *invite others to join us!*

Discussion:

- Read John 19.16-30 together.
- Share a time when you have been super thirsty or dehydrated. How does Jesus' thirst reveal his humanity to us?
- Jesus was suffer greatly physically, but thirst often describes a spiritual need, too. How might his cry of thirst represent that? (see Ps. 42.2; 63.1 Luke 16.24; Deut. 28.45-48)
- Discuss how Jesus' obedience to the Father in fulfilling scripture (see Ps. 22.15; 69.21) and suffering thirst is an evidence of his love for God (Jn. 14.31) and for us?
- What do you think of the soldiers' response to Jesus' cry of thirst (cf. John 19.29; Matt. 27.47-49; Mark 15.35-36)? Was it mercy or mocking? How does it make you reflect on your own response to what Jesus is asking of you (cf. Matt. 25. 35-40)?
- What most impacted you about these reflections on this saying of Jesus? Is there a takeaway for you? Spend time praying for one another.