

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Joy to the World, O Come All Ye Faithful, Love Came Down, Worthy is the Lamb

WELCOME

Jesus is. From the book of John, share at least 3 names or attributes of Jesus.

WORD

JOHN 18 AND 19

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, *said, "I am thirsty."
²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop and brought it up to His mouth. ³⁰ Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit."

What are you living for? Jesus offered something that this world does not have. He offered the answer to the major problem of the world: sin. Jesus died for us, so we are to live for Him. In His death, He gave us LIFE.

JESUS IS LORD (JOHN 18:1–11)

Jesus knew what was coming. The Roman officers were coming to arrest Him. This would ultimately lead Him to His death on the cross. But Jesus showed His complete sovereignty over the situation. Neither Judas nor the Roman soldiers had any control of the situation. It was Jesus who was in control of His arrest. He came forth and offered Himself to the authorities.

The Roman authorities could have also arrested the followers of Jesus, but Jesus would not let them capture any of His followers. Jesus promised He would not lose anyone of those whom the Father has given Him (**v. 8-9**). It was for this hour that Jesus was to fulfill His purpose for coming to the world, to suffer and die for our sins. He took the punishment for us so that we can be declared not guilty (**v.11**).

When Jesus said to those looking for him, "I Am He", the very power of His divine name (**Exodus 3:14**) shoved the squad of soldiers to fall backward on the ground. It was a majestic evidence of His divine power, yet as He spoke, Jesus still displayed humility and calmness.

Jesus Himself has claimed God's name, "I Am" (**John 8:58**); Jesus is the great "I Am"; He has no beginning and end. Jesus is LORD.

This tells us that Jesus is certainly in command over all authorities. So, no matter what we go through in life, we are not to worry but should rest upon Him because He is in control (**v.8-9**). Since Jesus is Lord, He deserves all the glory that we can offer Him.

FINISHED WORK (JOHN 19:6–26)

Tetelestai means "It is finished". It comes from the root word "telos" which means design. When Jesus said these words on the cross (**v. 28**) before He breathed His last it meant He has done in full what He has been designed to accomplish.

How can we test the reality of the finished work of Christ in our life?

Test of failure – When we fall to sin, we are able to get up not because of our own effort but because He has already paid all our sins including future sins (**Colossians 2:13–14**). It is not a license to sin but rather an encouragement to cease from sinning.

Test of guilt - We think God will surely love us if we will hurt ourselves enough. But remember that in Christ we have been crowned with thorns and scourged; He already took all of them upon Himself.

Test of morality – If we have problems getting along with those who do not believe what we believe and do not behave in the way we do, then we are missing the point. Because Jesus died for us while we were still sinners so we must be able to love in the same way as well. If we are struggling with forgiveness for sinners, we have not yet understood that Jesus died for them too.

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EXCHANGE OF LIFE (JOHN 19:26–42)

At the cross we experience a new relationship stronger than that of our biological family, which is our spiritual family (v. 26 – 27). Our identity is no longer based on our race or status in life but in Christ (**Galatians 6:10**).

Christianity is an exchange deal: His life for our life; exchange of garden, from Eden to Gethsemane, our shame to His shame; exchange of sword to cup, from trying to fill His cup to filling up our cup to overflow; from personal judgment to Christ's righteous judgment; change of kingdom, from darkness to light; change of trees, from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, to the wooden cross where Christ was

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

- 1. Tetelestai.** What is finished according to **John 19:30**? What is the significance of Jesus' words to us today?
- 2. I Am Thirsty.** Recall the time when you were spiritual thirsty. What were you thirsty for?
- 3. No Longer I.** What is the meaning of **Galatians 2:20** to you? How do you apply it to your day to day life?

WORKS

IT IS FINISHED

Prepare a 3 to 5 minute script to share the gospel with a family member or a friend the using the last words of Jesus on the cross, "It is finished".

List down then pray for your courage, strength, wisdom and availability to share the finished work of Christ to save them from spiritual death.

hanged; and finally an exchanged of position, from "you are finished" to "it is finished".

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

- **Galatians 2:20**

Christianity is an exchanged of life in Christ. If we want to experience the reality of the power of the finished work of Jesus, we need to have an exchanged life with Him. No more "I" in our LIFE but Christ who lives in us.

Jesus died for us, so we are to live for Him.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends