

LISTENING IN THE SHADOWS



Sermon Discussion Guide

April 13, 2025

Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.

Key Point: Jesus has one more move.

Life Sharing:

1. When have you seen something that looked like defeat turn out to be a victory?

Transition / Open in prayer

2. Can you think of a time in your life when things felt hopeless, but God showed up in an unexpected way? What did you learn about God through that experience?

Life Examination:

READ John 19:28-42

3. Why do you think it's significant that Jesus' final moments fulfill so many Old Testament prophecies?

4. What does this tell you about the trustworthiness of God's plan and Word?
5. The Roman soldiers didn't know they were fulfilling prophecy—what does that say about God's ability to use even those who oppose Him?
6. What does "It is finished" mean to you personally?
7. Are there areas of your life where you're still trying to "earn" what Jesus already paid for? Why do we do this?
8. Jesus didn't say, "I am finished." He said, "It is finished." How does that shift the way we think about the cross—not as a defeat, but a declaration of victory?

Life Application:

9. What past sin or failure does the enemy use to make you feel like you are defeated?
10. The thief on the cross was given paradise in his final breath. How does this shape your understanding of God's grace—for yourself and for others?
11. When was the last time your faith in Jesus took you out of your comfort zone?
12. What action step is the Spirit prompting you to take in your faith that might involve risk?
13. Nate used the phrase, "The King has one more move," how does it shape your view of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection?
14. Are there barriers in your heart toward others that the cross is asking you to tear down?
15. What would it look like for you to "stay at the foot of the cross" this week?
16. Can you look back on anything painful and now see God's hand guiding the details?

Life Prayers: Pray for one another and ask God to grow bold faith in each of your lives.