

I THIRST

SOUL SATISFACTION

MARCH 29 ♦ *John 19:28–29*

DISCUSSING GOD'S WORD

1. John tells us that, even in His agony, Jesus was consciously aware of the fact that He was fulfilling God's plan laid out in Scripture, and with that knowledge said, "I thirst." How does this help us read passages like Psalm 69 (see vv. 3 and 21)?
2. The experience of thirsting and having thirst quenched carries a lot of symbolic significance in the Scriptures. How might passages like Jeremiah 2:12-13, Luke 16:24, and John 4:7-15 help us understand what Jesus might have been experiencing at this moment?
3. How does Jesus' thirst and His drinking sour wine from a sponge connect to God's invitation in Isaiah 55:1-13, "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters...Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price...?"

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

1. Is there any specific, unconfessed sin or pattern of sin in your life that is leaving you spiritually famished? What might repentance look like for you?
2. How can this passage help you "remember Jesus Christ" (2 Tim 2:8) this week? (Perhaps you can be intentional to thank God for the cross before each glass of water you drink this week.)
3. Who in your life is thirsting for more? What steps can you take this week to encourage them to come to Jesus and drink?

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

1. God, we confess that it is a great evil when we forsake you, the fountain of living waters. Help us this week to enjoy the gift of water in a way that points us to you, and help us to find our greatest joy in you!
2. Thank you Jesus, that you thirsted in our place, so that we could be satisfied forever!
3. Please use us this week to invite those who are far from you to, "drink from the river of your delights" (Psalm 36.8).