



The Final Word

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Focus At Calvary, Jesus healed all generations with an affirmation. His command at Calvary was sufficient to save you and me from eternal death: *“It is finished.”*

Fun When you were growing up, who did your parents or friends say you took after? For example: mom, dad, a sibling, or a relative? Explain.

Review Key Scriptures: John 19:28–30, 10:17–18

1. The Word of Redemption: Tetelestai

During Calvary, no one took Jesus’ life. No power bent His head. Jesus was sovereign, even in death. He declared, “It is finished.” His work was finished, and He presented His completed task to the throne. He then gave up His spirit. The work Christ came to do is done. Heaven awaits no additional sacrifice.

2. The Work of Redemption

The redemption of mankind is finished. The act of atonement is performed. The price of salvation has been paid. God does not count our sins against us. Instead, He counts them against Christ. Jesus voluntarily accepted liability for our sins. Embrace the great work of God for your soul. Without any merit of your own, out of pure grace, Jesus offers you the benefits of His finished work of redemption. Will you accept?

Group Dynamics Idea Do what you can to avoid interruptions during the meeting time. Ask everyone at the start of group time, if possible, to turn off their cell phones or at least lower the volume on any notifications. Be sure to include yourself in this.

Discuss

1. Can you imagine what it would be like to go to prison for someone else's crime or face the death penalty for a friend? Would you do it? Why or why not?
2. Of all the final words Jesus could have spoken, He said, "It is finished." Why do you think that is? What task did Jesus complete?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. What is the transfer that takes place?
4. What does the word "redemption" mean to you? And how have you personally experienced it?
5. Do you find the offer from Jesus too good to be true? Explain.
6. What experiences have you had where you felt the "finished" work of God? What areas in your life do you want to experience the "finished" work of God? What things do you want to be set free from?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- Jesus came to complete the work of redemption.
- Jesus declared, "It is finished," at Calvary.
- Jesus offers all of us the completed work of the cross.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us the most sacrificial offering of all—Your Son, Jesus. Thank You for the gift of Your Word. Help us to recognize how You are at work in our lives. Help us to allow Your redemptive work in every part of our hearts and lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip As the leader, encourage everyone to participate, but be careful not to put anyone on the spot. Let the group members know up front that they can pass on questions they're not comfortable answering.