

**FAMILY LIFE CHURCH OF THE VALLEY
LIFE GROUP - RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

TITLE: THE SEVEN GREATEST WORDS OF LOVE

SESSION FIVE: THE WORD OF HUMANITY

KEY VERSE: After this, Jesus knew that everything had been completed. So that the Scripture would come true, he said "I am thirsty."

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John 19:28-29 (NCV)

The soldiers tried to give Jesus wine mixed with myrrh to drink, but he refused.

Mark 15:23 (NCV)

THE THIRST OF JESUS

1.) It showed that Jesus is _____.

[Jesus] gave up his place with God and made himself nothing. He was born to be a man and became a servant. And when he was living as a man, he humbled himself and was fully obedient to God, even when that caused his death – death on a cross.

Philippians 2:7-8 (NCV)

2.) It showed he was the _____.

So that the scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

John 19:28 (NIV)

When I was thirsty, they offered me vinegar.

Psalm 69:21b (GNT)

"Take a branch of the hyssop plant, dip it into the bowl filled with blood, and then wipe the blood on the sides and tops of the doorframes."

Exodus 12:22a (NCV)

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3.) It shows how much Jesus _____.

God demonstrate his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8 (NIV)

THE THIRST OF OTHERS

“The time is surely coming,” says the Sovereign Lord, “When I will send a famine on the land – not a famine of bread or water but of hearing the words of the Lord. People will stagger from sea to sea and wander from border searching for the word of the Lord, but they will not find it. Beautiful girls and strong young men will grow faint in that day, thirsting for Lord’s word.”
Amos 8:11-13 (NLT)

1.) I serve Jesus by _____.

“Lord when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink?’ . . . And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’”

Matthew 25:37-40 (NLT)

2.) Jesus notices the _____.

“If you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.”

Matthew 10:42 (NLT)

3.) The most Christ-like service is to _____.

If your enemies are hungry, give them food to eat. If they are thirsty, give them water to drink.
Proverbs 25:21 (NLT)

HOW DO I GET MY THIRST SATISFIED?

1.) Realize what I’m _____.

O God, you are my God, and I long for you. My whole being desires you; like a dry, worn-out, and waterless land, my soul is thirsty for you.

Psalms 63:1 (GNT)

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“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

Matthew 5:6 (NIV)

2.) Realize that Jesus _____.

He took our suffering on him and felt our pain for us . . . He was wounded for the wrong we did; he was crushed for the evil we did. The punishment, which made us well, was given to him, and we are healed because of his wounds.

Isaiah 53:4-5 (NCV)

This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testing we do, yet he did not sin.

Hebrews 4:15 (NLT)

3.) Stop looking for _____ elsewhere.

“My people have done two evils: They have turned away from me, the spring of living water. And they have dug their own wells, which are broken wells that cannot hold water.”

Jeremiah 2:13 (NCV)

On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, “Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’”

John 7:37-38 (NLT)

Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”

John 4:13-14 (NLT)

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:

1.) Pastor Rick says that many people go through life living outside their purpose because they trust their limited vision more than God’s grand plan. God wants you to discover you purpose. What are some ways God reveals what he has planned for you?

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2.) Sometimes we dig wells looking for water when Niagara Falls is flowing right behind us. How do you relate to that analogy? How did God get you to turn around and see what he wanted you to see?

3.) Jesus says real love is even serving our enemies. What do you think that means? Talk about what kind of faith they may require. What are some ways you can serve your enemies in love?
