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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- What does it feel like to finish something for which you have planned and worked hard to accomplish?
- Read John 19:30. How does this saying of Jesus from the cross compare with the other “seven last words”?
- Drawing upon what you know of the biblical story in general and the New Testament Gospels in particular, what is completed or accomplished through the death of Jesus? To what does Jesus refer when he says, “It is finished”?
- How would you explain the meaning of Jesus’ declaration to someone who is unfamiliar with Christ and Christian beliefs?
- When you look at your own life and relationships and at the world today, what seems to remain unfinished? How do you reconcile this with Jesus’ words?
- What makes it hard for us to trust that it is finished? In what ways are we tempted to try to add to what Jesus has accomplished?
- About what in your life do you still need to hear Jesus say, “It is finished”? How can hearing Jesus say this to you give you peace and assurance?
- During this season of Lent, what spiritual practice can you utilize to help you receive God’s grace and hear Jesus say to you, “It is finished”? How can your small group or others support and pray for you in this?

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.