

**Prayer Concerns:**

## **Words of Affection**

John 19:16-27 – Page 1684

**Leading up to the cross:**

**The characters at the cross:**

Those absent:

Those present:

**Lessons from the cross:**

1. Honoring our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
is a lifelong calling.
2. Honoring Jesus means \_\_\_\_\_  
those he \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Honoring Jesus involves drawing \_\_\_\_\_.

## Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

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### Getting Started:

1. What movie or book most vividly brought home to you the events of the crucifixion?

### Digging Deeper:

#### Read 1 John 19:16-27

1. As you read through the crucifixion account, what is most impactful or meaningful to you?
2. Read Exodus 12:43-47 (esp. 46), Psalm 22:16-18, Isaiah 52:13-15, 53:4-6, and Zechariah 12:10. What common ground is there between these Old Testament passages and the crucifixion account? What role does prophecy play in Scripture, and how does it bring credibility to God's story? How is this helpful as you consider prophecy yet to be fulfilled?
3. Who of Jesus' friends were present at the cross? Who was absent? Why is it significant that Jesus suffered mostly alone?

4. What is the significance of Jesus entrusting His mother into John's care? What does this mean for us in our families and communal relationships? (1 Timothy: 5:8, Matthew 25:35-40) How are you living out what Christ modeled?

5. How has drawing near to the cross impacted you? What has it taught you about sin, sacrifice, love, forgiveness, gratitude, etc.?

### Taking it Home:

1. As you consider the relationships in your life, are there specific changes that you need to make to follow Jesus' example from the cross? What steps might you take this week?