

MESSAGE NOTES

Final Words series
A Word of Relationship

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Forsaken = Abandoned = _____

What is loneliness? _____ &

The problem is not _____. The problem is what

we _____ when we're _____.

How should we respond to loneliness?

Find _____.

Fight _____.

How does God respond to our loneliness? _____

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CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of April 2, 2023

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GETTING STARTED _____

1. Have you ever worn any cross jewelry or carried a cross in your pocket? Why or why not?
2. The cross is a symbol of the horrific suffering and death of Jesus. Why, then, do many people consider the cross an object of beauty?

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. On Sunday, Pastor Bryan said, “Jesus was rejected, abandoned and forsaken so you and I wouldn’t have to be.” What are your initial thoughts when you hear that statement?

Does knowing that change how you approach life and the challenges you face?

2. According to **John 12:12-19**, the people were rejoicing and praising Jesus as the King and Messiah. Next, read **Mark 15:22-36**. Why do you think people changed and taunted Jesus while He was dying on the cross?
3. The theme of this week’s message is rejection and abandonment. Why do you think He felt those feelings while hanging on the Cross?

When have you felt forsaken by God? How does it compare to what Jesus was feeling?

4. Loneliness and rejection go hand in hand. Often loneliness is a response to feeling rejected. What are some ways we can remember to look God first, and not as a last resort when we need help?

Read the following verses:

- **Psalm 31:7**
- **Psalm 121:1**
- **Hebrews 4:15**
- **Hebrews 6:19**

What do these verses tell us to do in situations like this?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. It's been said there are three remedies for loneliness—discover a relationship with Jesus, develop friendships with others, and decide to serve and be connected to a body of believers.

Which of these would be the most impactful as you experience loneliness and rejection?

2. Maybe you are one of the lonely people who has a relationship with Jesus. What are some ways you can deepen your relationship with Jesus that may lead you to feel less alone?

PRAYER REQUESTS _____

