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This guide is designed to guide a group discussion around the weekend sermon. You can also use this as an individual, but we highly recommend finding a friend and inviting them to discuss with you. Menlo Church has Life Groups meeting in-person and online using these guides. We'd love to help you find a group: [Click here for our group finder.](#)

What you will find in this guide:

A discussion guide for groups and individuals. If you are using this as an individual be sure to engage with each question in a journal or simply in your mind as you prayerfully consider what you heard in the sermon and seek to discover what God is inviting you to know and do.

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide for Groups and Individuals

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Last Words – Family

Every group is different; please choose the questions that relate best to your group, and don't feel like you must get to every question.

Connect

- When is a time that you have felt seen and cared for by someone?
- Is it easy or difficult for you to look at a church community as 'family'?

Engage

Read John 19:25-27

- What does this passage show about Jesus' care for his loved ones?
- How do these verse demonstrate Jesus redefining family in God's kingdom?

Read John 13:1-14

- What do you notice about Jesus in this passage?
- How does Jesus demonstrate values of the kingdom of God?
- What is Jesus' call to action for his disciples in this passage?

Apply

- What are questions you can ask someone to discover how they need to be loved?
- Cheryl shows how the New Testament speaks of salvation as an adoption. Highlighting that this is something God does for us. Is it easy for you to allow someone to do something for you? Do you struggle with wanting to earn love, especially God's love?
- How can you take the spirit of 'foot washing' into your relationships this week?

Prayer

Spend time sharing in your prayer needs together and praying for each person that shares. As each of you share, commit to praying for each other during the week. You can use this prayer to close out your time of prayer:

*“Jesus, help us to follow you.
In word and deed,
may we show our love,
the love that you have given to us,
and asked us to take out.
May we listen to you, listen to others
and move out in service, humility, and love.
Amen”*

Going Deeper

Lent Resources:

Check out our Lent resources at the link below. This includes a digital version of our devotional guide and a new season of Menlo Meditations.

<https://menlo.church/last-words>

Menlo Midweek Podcast:

Tune in every Wednesday for a conversation with the previous week’s speaker. It’s a deeper dive into the message and an engaging time to learn, reflect, grow—and have fun.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/menlo-church-sermon-podcast/id129950807>