**“The End Before the Beginning”**

John 19:30

Discussion Questions

1) Can you think of a recent project or task that you managed to complete? What feelings did you experience when you were able to say .. “It is finished”? What do you imagine Jesus was feeling when He uttered those words?

2) Read Hebrews 2:14-15. In what sense did Jesus “break the power” of Satan by His work on the cross? How exactly does Satan hold the power of death? How does the fear of death hold us in lifelong slavery?

3) Do you give much thought to the activity of Satan in your life? In what ways (if any) do you believe Satan has sought to “destroy” you? Should we be more wary of Satan and his schemes (consider Zech. 3;1-2, John 8:44, 1 Peter 5:8-9)?

4) What reason is given in 1 Cor. 1:26-30 for God choosing to save through the cross? Why is the content of our “boasting” of such concern to God? What might these verses suggest about how we should view the world and/or interact with it?

5) Read Hebrews 4:14-16. Why, according to these verses, is it so important that Jesus lived as a man among us and died on the cross? What does Jesus’ example in this suggest for our own ministry to others in the Body of Christ?

6) What does Christ’s finishing work on the cross mean to you (peace, confidence, comfort, etc.)? What aspect of that work is the most significant for you right now? Explain.