

AMAZING LOVE 10: HERE IS YOUR SON...8/03/2020

As ever, please use (or discard!) these ideas as is most suitable for your group. Don't feel you have to use everything.

Please read John 19:16-30, with particular reference to verses 26-27.

For discussion:

In these verses we see different facets of Jesus' love.
We will call them the 4 s's.

1. A son's (with a small s) love for his mother. We see Jesus making provision for his mother by asking John to look after her. What experience do you have in looking after parents? What are the challenges and how have you been able to cope? What is the Gospel answer?

2. A Son's (with a capital S) love for the world. Jesus knew the love of his Father and willingly went to the cross in our place, so that our sin slate could be wiped clean and we can share in that love.
Knowing this, how does this help us in our daily lives? Do you ever feel you are running on empty and what should you do about it?

3. A Saviour's love for a disciple. John had earlier forsaken Jesus at his arrest and here we see Jesus restoring John by giving him the honour of looking after his mother. As children of God we can be wayward. How do these verses speak into our wayward lives?

4. A Shepherd's love for his church. These verses paint a picture of a new family, the Church. We know that in some situations when someone becomes a Christian it can cause huge family issues. Perhaps someone may be able to share their experiences?
How can church help? As part of the family at CBC what should our response be in these situations?

In conclusion

What has encouraged you most from this study? What has challenged you most? Pray about your response.