



Questions for further study - March 26th 2017

'Woman, here is your son ... here is your mother.'

John 19 v 26-27

1. Jesus took notice

How many examples can you think of in the gospels where Jesus noticed things or people that others had overlooked? (*if you get stuck, use these examples: Luke 19 v 5, John 4 v 7, John 9 v1*)

How does this characteristic of Jesus make you feel? Are you aware of his provision and particular attention towards you?

What would you say are the things that stop you noticing others? What can you do to counter the culture of "me" and follow Jesus' example?

2. They did life together

John took Mary into his home; it was a lifelong commitment. Jesus gave a fellow believer the responsibility of looking after his mother. One of the gifts Jesus gave to us from the cross was the church.

Read Acts 2 v 42-47. How did the early church "do life together"? How have you experienced the care and community of the church in your own life?

As a small group, how much do you think you "do life together"? Is there anything else you could do to become closer? (*Matt suggested meals together, WhatsApp messaging and Deliberate Acts of Blessing*)

Spend some time praying for each other.

"If Jesus could provide for the needs of his own in the moment of his greatest weakness and humiliation, how much more can he provide for your need in his present wealth of power and exaltation. And if Jesus purchased the church with his own blood and ordained that in it bereft mothers find sons and sons find mothers, then no one should be without a caring family today in the body of Christ." – John Piper