

THOUGHTS & IDEAS



*Touching heaven, changing earth
with head, heart and hands*

March 23, 2014

**Final Words: “Behold Your Son ...
Behold your Mother”**

2014 Confirmation Class

Scripture Lesson: John 19:25-27

HEAD

1. We are told that Mary mother of Jesus, Mary of Clopas (Mary’s sister-in-law) and Mary Magdalene were at the cross with the disciple John during the crucifixion. What compelled them to be there for such a horrible event? Why were the other disciples not there?
2. What was the social, cultural view of women back in Jesus’ day? Discuss Jesus’ view toward women.
3. What does it mean to honor your father and mother, as in the Ten Commandments?

HEART

1. Discuss how Jesus and his mother must have been feeling when they saw each other at Jesus’ crucifixion.



2. While Jesus was suffering, he focused on making sure his mother would be cared for. What does that tell us about Jesus' character, and also about how we are to treat others – even during times of our own difficulties?

3. Think of someone you know who has exemplified “honoring” a parent or a child. What do you admire most or learn most from their example?

4. Describe an example where someone cared for someone else as if they were family. Why do you think that person took that step? What came out of it?



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NOTES

HANDS

1. Is there someone in your life who could use some extra care – parent, relative, child, neighbor, or member of your small group? Make a plan for how you can care for them in the next few weeks.

2. What are some barriers that prevent us from giving “family-like” care to others? Discuss ways those barriers can be overcome, individually or as a group.

3. Reach out to someone who has or has had issues with a parent or child – tension, neglect, pain.

4. If you are busy or suffering and someone needs help/care, what typically happens? What would help us be more Jesus-like (selfless) during those times, instead of looking to our own needs?