

WEEK 3 | FACE TO FACE

Date: March 17, 2023

Verses: John 18:33-40



SERIES INSIGHT

This series our challenge to the people of Grace is to dive deeper in walking with Jesus **Face to Face**, more than you ever have before. In our highs and lows, being Face to Face with Jesus changes everything. By seeing the way Jesus does it with others throughout the stories we'll cover, we can then learn how we can walk with Jesus just the same.

ICEBREAKER

- Show us your cell phone wallpaper. Is there a story behind it?
- Consider sharing about a takeaway about your 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting challenge. What are you seeing, learning, or experiencing so far?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend's message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
2. Read this "face to face" story in John 18:33-40. After reading about this encounter, what stands out the most to you and why?
3. In your current season of life, who do you identify with most? Pilate, The Crowd, or Barabbas? Why so?
4. Identify and discuss some of the biggest distractions in your life that keep you from regularly coming face to face with Truth. Additionally, why do you sense that these are the distractions that hold you back?
 - **Leader Note:** You may consider following up with the question "At what cost?" as you engage with the group's answers about their distractions.
5. Which ladder do you find yourself climbing the most? Jesus or World?
6. What is ONE change you will make this week that will help you prioritize (or better prioritize) a face to face encounter with Jesus? Take time as a group to pray over these answers.

PRAYER

Allow people to share requests and celebrate any praise reports as well. Consider having someone write down the requests to share with the group. Take time to pray however long your group needs.

