Title: For Us All
Big Idea: The suffering of the cross is for the saving of the world.

19:**1** Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. **2** The soldiers also twisted together a crown of thorns, put it on his head, and clothed him in a purple robe. **3** And they kept coming up to him and saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” and were slapping his face.

4 Pilate went outside again and said to them, “Look, I’m bringing him out to you to let you know I find no grounds for charging him.” **5** Then Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!”

1. Jesus had to die.

6 When the chief priests and the temple servants saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!” Pilate responded, “Take him and crucify him yourselves, since I find no grounds for charging him.” **7** “We have a law,” the Jews replied to him, “and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.”

8 When Pilate heard this statement, he was more afraid than ever. **9** He went back into the headquarters and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus did not give him an answer.

10 So Pilate said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Don’t you know that I have the authority to release you and the authority to crucify you?” **11** “You would have no authority over me at all,” Jesus answered him, “if it hadn’t been given you from above. This is why the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.”

2. Jesus is the judge.

12 From that moment Pilate kept trying to release him. But the Jews shouted, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Anyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar!”

13 When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside. He sat down on the judge’s seat in a place called the Stone Pavement (but in Aramaic, *Gabbatha*). **14** It was the preparation day for the Passover, and it was about noon. Then he told the Jews, “Here is your king!”

15 They shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!”
Pilate said to them, “Should I crucify your king?” “We have no king but Caesar!” the chief priests answered.

16 Then he handed him over to be crucified. Then they took Jesus
away. **17** Carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called Place of the Skull, which in Aramaic is called *Golgotha*.
18 There they crucified him and two others with him, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. **19** Pilate also had a sign made and put on the cross. It said: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. **20** Many of the Jews read this sign, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. **21** So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Don’t write, ‘The king of the Jews,’ but that he said, ‘I am the king of the Jews.’” **22** Pilate replied, “What I have written, I have written.”

3. Jesus is the king.

Group Discussion Leader Guide

LIFE Group Guide:

General Timeline Guide: (Adjust as appropriate for your group's needs.)
5-10 minutes connecting personally with how everyone is doing.
45 minutes going over message with discussion questions and life applications.
5-10 minutes praying for each other

Discussion Questions
Look over these questions before your group time. Write down your answers or ideas for at least a few questions if not all. You may not get to every question during your time but speak up if you want to talk about one of them in particular. Always try to start with question #1.

1. What stood out to you and/or what do you think God might be speaking about from this message?
2. Can you think of an example or experience where someone did what was right even though it was hard or costly?
3. Jesus was silent when accused but He spoke up about His true identity as a king. What can we learn from His example?
4. What does the cross represent to you? Has your perspective on the cross changed?
5. What are ways we can guard against misusing Scripture like the religious leaders did?
6. How can we live our normal lives but still live like Jesus is king?