



TEXT: JOHN 18:28-40

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Life Group Gatherings** – No official meetings this week. Life Group Leaders will communicate with each group on ways to stay connected and minister to one another.
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Leading Off...

1. In these unsettled times, what are some of the ways people respond?
2. As we consider this passage, where it seems all is out of control, how do we know that Jesus was actually in complete control?

BIG IDEA: Jesus is King of kings.

3. How does trust in this Big Idea give us hope? How does it also help direct the posture of our hearts?

Read John 18:28-31

4. These religious leaders are so consumed with getting their rituals right, how did they miss the great sins they were committing against the Son of God?
5. What is religion?
6. Why can Christians be honest about our sinful hearts?
7. Discuss the difference between religion and the gospel.

Read John 18:32-36

8. Why did Pilate allow these men to bully him into questioning Jesus?
9. What is the difference between Jesus' Kingdom, and the kingdoms of this world?
10. What are the implications of truly believing in Jesus' Kingdom?

Read John 18:37

11. Consider and discuss this important verse.

Read Luke 23:7-12

12. How did Herod see Jesus merely as a sideshow?
13. How are people, like Herod, guilty of wanting only what Jesus can do for them, rather than how we can live for Jesus?

Read John 18:38-40

14. Why did the people want Barabbas to be released over Jesus?

Wrapping Up

15. How are we to live within the Kingdom of God in these unsettled times?