
ACCUSED



WEEK TWO // John 18, Matthew 26, Luke 22, John 18, Luke 23, and John 19

BEGIN

Once your group has settled in, take some time to hear how everyone is doing. Feel free to use your own questions or ones like:

- What is something you are thankful for this week?
- If you could add someone to Mount Rushmore, who would it be and why?

LISTEN

What stood out from this weeks message? Is there anything you still have questions about?

DISCUSS

Jesus endured a total of six trials. In each of them, there is something to be learned and applied. In this second part of our series, 'Accused,' we examine how Jesus responded to a wrongful arrest, condemning accusations, physical brutality, and shameful mockery.

Read the following passages out loud together (in this order):

John 18:12-24

Matthew 26:57-67

Luke 22:66-71

John 18:28-36

Luke 23:3-12

John 19:1-16

Did you learn anything new about this week's passage(s)? If so, would you be willing to share?

Were there any challenges with this weeks text(s)? If so, what were they?

What stands out about the way Jesus responded to such unjust trials? What does it reveal about His character?

How do you typically respond to trials?

Of the three observations Bradley made about Jesus' response—speaking truth, remaining silent, and ask clarifying questions—which comes the most natural to you? Which is an area you can improve?

When it comes to speaking truth to others, what obstacles are most successful in preventing you from doing it from a place of love and compassion?

Do you feel the Spirit is leading you to anything specific this week?

PRAY

Spend some time at the end of your discussion praying together. Feel free to pray the way your group is most comfortable (or feeling led to), but below are some prompts if your group would like a change of pace.

1. Ask God to reveal to your group where you can grow in character and how you respond to trials.
2. Ask God to give your group eyes and hearts to see the trials you face this week as opportunities to see and know His grace more fully.
3. Ask God to reveal to your group people who may need encouragement through whatever trials they may be going through.