



## ***Message Discussion Questions***

**4/2/2023**

**SERIES:** April Fools

**WEEK:#2**

**MESSAGE:** This or That?

**COMMUNICATOR:** Pastor Kevin Geer

**CENTRAL TEXT/S:** John 18:37-38; Matthew 27:17-26

**CHECKING IN:** How was your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's discussion?

**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS:** Choose questions that will work best for your group. Feel free to add to or ask a question in a different way than is written.

1. As a group play "This or That". Coke or Pepsi? Beach or Mountains? Pool or Lake? Ebook or Paper book? Turkey or Ham? Faith or Works? Airplane or Train? Comedy or Drama movie?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18. Why do you think the Apostle Paul says that the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing?
3. Read John 18:3. Why did Jesus come to earth? (There are many correct answers).
4. Who do your non-believing friends say Jesus is? A good teacher? A prophet? A nice guy? A religious leader? Son of God? Who is Jesus to you; How do you explain him?
5. What does it look like to love the truth of God?. How does your life reflect your love for God's truth?
6. In John 18:38. Pilate asked Jesus, "what is truth?" How does our culture answer this question? How do *you* answer Pilate's question?
7. Why is Pilate's statement about Jesus' lack of guilt so important to who Jesus is for the world?
8. Why does cultural truth shift depending upon what is the popular thought of the day? Biblical truth never changes. Which one is the easiest to live and why?
9. Read Matthew 27:17; 20-22. What are some examples of "louder truths" in today's world? How has one of these "louder truths" affected your life?
10. Discuss this thought: Brabbas's life was given in exchange for Jesus's life. Jesus gave his life for the whole world...including Barabbas.
11. There are no chains of sin too thick that the truth of Jesus can't cut through. Read 1 John 1:9-10. What do these verses say about our sin? What sin do you need Jesus to break in your life?
12. What does it mean to frequently go to the cross with our sin? How can this practice help make us more like Jesus? Explain.

**TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion? Be specific. Try attaching a name and date to your action step.

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**WANT TO GROW DEEPER?** We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out and explore the *Experience God* page. Go to [canvas.church/experience-god](https://canvas.church/experience-god) or *Experience God* on the App.



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### **GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:**

- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

**Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email [rickz@canvas.church](mailto:rickz@canvas.church)**