



**Welcome:** What is your favorite local restaurant and favorite meal there?

**Worship:** Pray and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your group and to give each other boldness to be authentic and honest in your time together.

**Word:**

Read *John 19:16-24; Psalm 22:16-18*

- Why do you think Pilate posted a notice to the cross that Jesus was King of the Jews, and why do you think that John noted that the notice was written in three different languages?
- Do you believe that God is ever surprised by our decisions? How do these verses inform your beliefs?

Read *John 19:25-27*

- What do these verses tell you about Jesus?
- How was the early church different than our church today?
- What is one thing that you can do to help our church look more like the early church?

Read *John 28-37; Hebrews 4:16*

- If blood represents life, and water (the source of life) represents the Holy Spirit, what do you think that the two mingled together represent?
- Have you experienced new life in the Spirit? How are you currently experiencing new life in the Spirit?
- What need(s) exists in your life that should be boldly taken to the throne of grace? What is stopping you from taking them there?

**Witness:** Do one extravagant/reckless act of loving grace for a person in your life that is not a follower of Jesus.

**Looking Ahead:** Read *John 19:38 - 20:9* before the weekend!