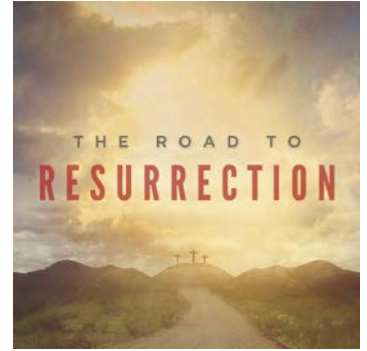


LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share a time when your life situation made you question God's character.
2. Read John 12:12-13. Why were the people so excited about Jesus entering Jerusalem?
3. Was the content of what the people shouted true? How pure was their motive?
4. Read John 19:1-3. What emotions do you experience as you reflect on what Jesus went through?
5. Read John 19:4-7. What motivated the Jewish religious leaders to orchestrate Jesus' crucifixion? How are we sometimes like them?
6. Read John 19:8-11. What power did Pilate, the Jewish leaders and the people really have over Jesus?
7. Read John 19:12-16. In verse 15 the people shouted, "Crucify him!" What changed in the lives of the Jewish people who one day praised Jesus and then days later wanted Him killed?
8. Describe what a crucifixion entailed. Why did Jesus willingly die even though He had the power to stop His crucifixion (see Matthew 26:53)?
9. Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12. Does this sound like Jesus' suffering and crucifixion? How does the fact that this was written centuries before crucifixion was invented, or Jesus walked the earth, strengthen your faith?
10. Whose idea was it for the Son of God to be crucified (see Isaiah 53:10)? For whose sin did Jesus die?
11. The Jewish people blindly followed the religious leaders in seeking Jesus' death because Jesus did not bring about what they wanted. How can you relate to their actions?
12. What will you do with Jesus this week?



The Crucifixion

John 19

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