



“The Crucifixion”
Small Group Questions
Week of January 19, 2020

Icebreaker:

What movie or book (such as “Jesus Christ, Superstar,” “The Last Temptation,” “The Passion of the Christ,” etc.) brought home to you most vividly the events of the crucifixion?

Discussion Questions:

1. Read together John 19:6-37.

2. Why do the Jewish leaders clamor for Jesus to be crucified?

What does Pilate’s fearful response to that charge show about him?

How might his conversation in 18:33-37 contribute to this growing fear?

3. When have you made a decision based on fear and ambition, rather than on what is right?

How do you feel about that now?

How can you guard against it in the future?

5. Psalm 22 is referenced by Jesus in this gospel as well as other accounts of his crucifixion. Take time to read it together and discuss in which ways it is prophetically fulfilled in Jesus.

6. If Jesus preached the same gospel that he preached in the first century, who might be the “chief priests,” the “Peters,” and “Pilates” now?

7. How could you explain the need of the crucifixion to someone who really wanted to understand?

8. How did the meaning of Jesus’ death become real to you?