



Life Group Discussion Guide
“Jesus’ Arrest & Pilate’s Trial” – John 18:28-19:16
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Main thought:

Jesus will always demand a decision to trust Him, and to respond to His voice over the contrary voices of others in our life.

Ice-Breaker

- What is your favorite store to go to?

Digging In

Read John 18:28-19:16 and discuss the following questions.

- What did you know or not know about Pontius Pilate previous to this study?
- Why do the Jewish leaders bring Jesus to Pilate? Why is this significant?
- How does Jesus challenge Pilate's authority while also submitting to God's will?
- Why does Pilate repeatedly declare Jesus innocent yet still hand him over to be crucified?
 - How are you challenged by similar struggles as Pilate?
- Talk about Barabbas being released while Jesus, the innocent one, is condemned to death. What might Barabbas be thinking? What would you be thinking?
 - How does this give a picture of substitutionary atonement?
- What else stands out to you from this passage?

Application

- Have you trusted in Jesus? If not, what’s keeping you from trusting in Him?
- If you have trusted in Jesus, what are areas of your life where He’s challenging you to trust in Him rather than give in to the contrary voices in your life?
- What other personal applications do you see from this study?

Pray as a group (Break into separate groups/rooms for men and women to pray together)

- How can we be praying for each other this week?