

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22 NIV

A STUDY IN  
**THE BOOK OF**  
**JOHN**

## SUMMARY

Pastor Frank led us through John 19:17-24 in his teaching entitled, “The Prince of Thieves”. Christ’s sacrifice stole the sting of death from the enemy’s playbook, making God the ‘thief’ of Satan’s personal agenda for mankind’s souls.

**1. With Christ, crosses bring life, not death**

- Jesus said that to follow Him we must deny ourselves and take up our cross. Self-denial is always hard, but why is self-denial particularly challenging in our current culture?
- Is there anything in your life presently that you sense the Lord is asking you to deny yourself of? If so, how will you obey His prompting?

**2. God is a thief**

- The idea of God being a ‘thief’ is palatable when we see all He’s ‘taken’ for us to live with Him in Heaven. How can you be more intentional this week to personally thank God for all that He’s “taken” from you?

## APPLICATION

**3. When mere existence is a capital offense, it’s demonic**

- Is there a situation that you’re facing currently where you’re immediately labeled as a disruptive influence simply for being who you are? If so, explain.
- The enemy is going to attempt to silence you just because you’re....you! Therefore, we should be on the offensive. How are you an active threat to the enemy’s agenda?

**4. God’s closeness and care in our darkest hour**

- Share a tender story of God’s love towards someone you know/knew as they faced a dark hour of their life.
- This week we read Isaiah 35 on our three-year reading plan. Read Isaiah 35:3-4 and discuss how can you be an encourager to someone this week as Isaiah was then.

## PRAYER

Pray that you would be willing to do hard things to bring glory to the Lord.

