

AT THE CROSS

JOHN 18:33-19:37

ANNOUNCEMENTS

refineUS Marriage Conference @ Mosaic! - November 3&4 - mosaicIL.com/conference

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN

What has been the best part of your last week? Is there anything specific that your group can pray for?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Leader Read: Over the course of three weeks we want to share parts of our testimony (life before knowing Christ as Lord, how we meet Jesus and became saved, and what life looks like now as a believer).

1. Last week we started by remembering what our lives were like before Christ. Today, let's start off by sharing how we met Christ and surrendered to Him as Lord. (LEADERS: Use this time to encourage EVERYONE in your group to share this part of their story.)

- READ John 18:15-27 -

2. What does it mean to deny Jesus? How do both unbelievers and believers still deny Jesus today? (Answers may vary.)

- READ John 18:28-38 -

3. What is truth? Is there a difference between facts and truth? (Truth is not a what, it's a Who! Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and no one gets to the Father except through Him. The opposite of truth is a lie. The facts around our circumstances can lead us to do what is wrong; whether to preserve self, win the applause of man, or seek comfort.)

4. Here we see religion (Jewish leaders) and government (Pilate) intersect. Does Jesus pose more of a threat to religion or government, and why? (In both circumstances Jesus calls us to look up! Remember what Matt said: Jesus looks neither back conservatively, nor liberally forward. Paul reminds us to look up in Romans 13:1. We can trust God's sovereign hand in all circumstances. Religion can become hypocritical when rules trump our relationship with the Lord.)

- READ John 19:1-37 -

4. Consider what Jesus is teaching us through these verses. Is there an example of sin to avoid? How about an example for us to follow and model ourselves after? (Answers may vary.)

- READ Matthew 26:20-25 -

5. What thoughts did you have, or emotions did you feel, when Matt explained crucifixion? How can you use those thoughts/feelings to draw nearer to God this week? (Answers may vary.)

SERMON OUTLINE

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October 15th, 2023 - mosaicil.com/sermons

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"Sunday Plus" One Pager:

Important Question: Am I _____ this world?

_____ is a spirit that does not come from God!

Matthew 27:22

The most-important question you'll ever consider:

"What will I _____ with Jesus?"

Romans 10:13

Excruciating = From the _____

Three of the most-important 3-word phrases you'll ever hear:

In regards to your life: It is _____. In regards to your salvation: It is _____! In regards to your eternity: He is _____!

Isaiah 53:5

On the cross, the _____ of God's Son was the _____ of God's plan!