

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Scripture: Luke 22:63-23:25



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus entrusted himself to the Father's will, remaining steadfast in his trek toward the cross, including undergoing the blasphemous religious and civil courts so that he could fulfill his role as the sinless substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of the world.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. What was the purpose of the chief priests and scribes' kangaroo court? What misconceptions did the religious leaders have about their messiah?
2. What are some examples of using spiritual language or religious justifications to disguise sinful intentions and behaviors?
3. Discuss the unifying nature of sin as exemplified in this narrative (23:1; 5; 12; 18).
4. Why was Herod happy to meet Jesus? What was Pilate hoping to accomplish by punishing and then releasing Jesus?
5. Why didn't Jesus respond to the false accusations against him (1 Peter 2:21-25)?
6. Why did the crowd demand a substitute (verse 19)? What does Pilate's relent to the crowd's demands teach about the nature of sin?
7. Is the company you keep guiding you towards Christ or away from him?
8. What is the gospel, and why is it the unifying principle that propels Jesus' followers to obedience and evangelism?