



## JOHN CHAPTER 19 (FACILITATOR)

### **Discussion Starter**

- What is the biggest and best compromise you have ever made?
- What is the worst compromise you have ever made?
- Opening Prayer
  - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

### **Tell the Story**

- PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.

### **Read the Story (John 19:1-42)**

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

### **Breaking it Down**

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

## John 19:1-16

- In what ways is Pilate trying to compromise with the Jews and run away from truth and his responsibility?
  - Pilate attempted to give the responsibility for dealing with Jesus to someone else.
  - Pilate attempted to appease the crowd by simply having Jesus beaten and tortured rather than having Him killed.
  - Pilate attempted to get Jesus to implicate Himself and sign His own death sentence.
  
- How would you personally characterize Pilate?
  - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
  
- In what ways are you like Pilate when seeking to compromise in your faith walk and/or seeking to run away from the truth of God?
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- What does verse 11 indicate about the character, mission, and courage of Jesus?
  - Even when Jesus very clearly understood that His life on the line, He wasn't going to make a single compromise in the mission His Father gave Him. He could have taken the easy way out and acquiesced to the questions of Pilate, but He truthfully and boldly continues to proclaim and embody what

He had for His entire earthly existence and that is the truth of God.

### **John 19:17-22**

- What is interesting about the stand that Pilate was willing to take regarding an inscription versus the stand that he wasn't willing to take in releasing Jesus? What does this say about his character?
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### **John 19:23-27**

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  - How do you daily trust Jesus to be your mediator between you and God?
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- What do verses 26 and 27 indicate about Jesus' heart and compassion, even during His own death and distress?
  - Jesus continued to be concerned for the circumstances of others over and above His own circumstances. And He wasn't just concerned about the circumstances of others. He took what action He was capable of, even when He was dying on the cross.

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*We so often leave our tributes until people are dead. How much greater would loyalty in life have been than a new tomb and a shroud fit for a king. One flower in life is worth all the wreaths in the world in death; one word of love and praise and thanks in life is worth all the panegyrics in the world when life is gone.*

*But there is glory here, too. The death of Jesus had done for Joseph and Nicodemus what not even his life could do. No sooner had Jesus died on the Cross than Joseph forgot his fear and bearded the Roman governor with a request for the body. No sooner had Jesus died on the Cross than Nicodemus was there to bring a tribute that all men could see.”*

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### **Final Application**

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

### **Closing & Prayer Requests**

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (John Chapter 20)

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