

Discussion Guide | John 18:28-19:16

Gathering Question

What is one way you've experienced God in your life this week?

Gathering Prayer

Father, by Your Spirit, would You guide us into all truth. Help us to hear and be attentive to Your voice as we work through this study. In the name of Jesus, Your Son, we pray, Amen.

Opening Questions

- What stood out to you in the sermon?
- What insights did you gain?
- What questions did it raise?

Read John 18:28-19:16

Questioning Christ

- What do you notice about the questions Pilate asks Jesus? What about the answers that Jesus gives? Compare and contrast the two.
- Why doesn't Jesus give straight answers to the questions asked of him?
- How do you tend to respond when accusations are made against you? Why do you respond this way?

You Can't Handle the Truth

- Why is Truth such a significant focus for John?
- Read John 4:24, 8:40, 14:6, 15:26, and 18:37. What do these passages reveal about the nature of Truth?
- How does our culture view truth, and how does Jesus' trial inform how we engage in that conversation?

The Good and Beautiful God

- In what way was Jesus "good" and "beautiful" throughout the journey from his arrest to his crucifixion?

- What is the danger in trying to display goodness, beauty, or truth without having all three?
- What would it be like if the people of God demonstrated goodness, beauty, and truth simultaneously?

The Way of the Cross

- Why do goodness, beauty, and truth lead to Jesus losing the trial? Ultimately, this is a good thing. Why?
- Bonhoeffer said, "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die" (*The Cost of Discipleship*). What does this mean for us?
- The sermon said that "we don't go *to* the cross; we go *through* the cross." How does this reality give us hope? How does it prepare us for the Christian life?

Put Into Practice

- Between goodness, beauty, and truth, which is the hardest for you to demonstrate? What would it be like if Christ changed you in that area?

Closing Prayer