

John 18 Discussion Questions

Check In: Did your student complete their challenge? Encourage them to do better this week. **Begin in prayer** and pray for them individual and specifically.

Recap Video: Watch the recap video from this past week's message [here!](#)

Bible Discovery: Read **John 18:12-14;19-24, 28-40; Matt. 26:59-68** | **Main Idea: Jesus HAD to go to the cross!**

Note: You may need to break this up over a couple or a few days. That's OK!

- 1) What initially sticks out from the passage of scripture you read? Do you notice any themes?
- 2) From your reading today, does it look like Jesus is given a fair trial? How was the trial incorrectly done? **(see Deut. 17:2-13 for help.)**
- 3) What is this passage teaching us about God/Jesus/Holy Spirit?
 - a. How does Jesus respond when he is questioned about his doctrine?
 - b. Read **Matthew 26:59-63**. How did Jesus respond to the chief priests and elders bringing false accusations against Him?
 - c. In **Matthew 26:59-66**. Who does Jesus say that he is? How do the religious leaders respond to Jesus' claim?
 - d. Read **v.22-23** and **Matthew 26:67-68**. How does Jesus respond to being beaten? How could he have responded (see **Matthew 26:53**).
 - e. Look at Jesus' interactions with Pilate in **John 18:28-38**. Where is Jesus' kingdom currently? Where will be later? What was Pilate's final assessment of Jesus? Did he find him innocent or guilty?
- 4) What does this passage teach us about mankind and his relationship with God?
 - a. In **John 18:28**, the religious leaders did not want to defile themselves by entering the Praetorium. However, they felt no guilt about holding a fake trial or conspiring to killing Jesus. Why do you think this is?
 - b. The actions of the religious leaders in **John 18:28** were hypocritical. Do you see similar hypocrisy of believers and/or non-believers today?
 - c. Our world says that people believe that humans are naturally good and desire good people. How does the religious leaders choosing Barabbas over Jesus AND their actions towards Jesus show doubt on the theory that all people are naturally good?
 - d. Instead of Barabbas dying on a cross, Jesus died on the cross instead. How is this a picture of a Christian's salvation?

- 5) What is this passage challenging me to change in my life?
- a. The religious leaders had a hard heart towards Jesus and His Word? Is your heart hard towards God right now? Hard-heartedness begins with not obeying God's word. Where you are not obeying God's Word? How can you change?

 - b. Last time, we saw in Peter's life, we see the five steps to becoming far from God. Are you far from God right now? Do you see yourself becoming far from God? If so, what step are you in?
 - i Denying God's word
 - ii Ceasing to Pray and relying on your own abilities
 - iii Following Jesus at a distance
 - iv Hanging with non-believers and distancing from believers
 - v Running from God

 - c. Has Jesus taking your place? He is willing to if you ask Him!

Closing Thought: Praise God that he went through pain and suffering so that we could have a relationship with Him!

Challenge: Encourage you students to make a personal challenge that is specific and measurable. Parents go first! End in prayer.

BONUS CHALLENGE: Challenge students to commit **John 14:6** or **John 15:5** to memory!