



4. “a Kingdom out of this world”

This discussion guide includes preparation BEFORE the group and some guidance DURING the group meeting. Preparation before the group will help you, your leader, and your group to engage and respond to the living and active Word of God.

PREPARATION BEFORE THE GROUP MEETS

The aim of this preparation is to encourage good & prayerful observation of the text of God's word and the joyful experience of discovering its truth.

Pray and Read John 18.1-27

What are some lightbulb moments? Did anything stand out to you or was particularly challenging?

What questions do you have? Was there anything that you didn't understand?

How does the passage point us to the good news about Jesus? How does it help us to understand who Jesus is or what he came to do?

What are some ways that you could apply the passage to your life?

WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Read John 18.28-32

Why is verse 28 ironic?

What is the big picture story of the things that are happening here? (v32)

Read John 18.33-40

What is the “truth” that Jesus talks about in v37? (c.f. John 14.1-14)

What do you think Pilate means when he asks “What is truth?” v38

How does verse 40 give us an insight into what Jesus is doing? (c.f. 18.12-14)

Read John 19.1-7

Why is it important that Jesus is seen to be publicly innocent?

Why is that good news for us?

How does that give us confidence in our salvation?

John 19.8-16

Why is verse 11 comforting?

Read 1 Samuel 8.1-22. What similarities do you see with verses 14-16?

How does this section/passage describe what sin means?

Application

What are some ways that we can follow the “kings” of this world? (and how can we change to serve king Jesus?)

What are some ways that we misunderstand or hide the truth about Jesus?

How would you tell someone the good news about Jesus using this passage?

Pray in response to what you have learned today and ask the Father for all that you need