

Small Group Leader & Personal Bible Study

Memory Verse: John 14:6

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

Daily Bible Meditation:

- Day 1 – John 18:28-40
- Day 2 – Mark 15:1-15
- Day 3 – Mark 15:16-20
- Day 4 – Luke 22:66-71
- Day 5 – Luke 23:1-25

Lesson: The Trial

Read the red letters (Jesus Words) of John 18:36 & 37

1. What is Jesus proclaiming about Himself in these words?
He is stating that He is a King but that His kingdom is not of this world but is much more than we could imagine. He is clear in His words He has all the ability needed to stop what is happening but He chooses not to. He also makes it clear that He is on a mission. His mission purpose is to reign as King. Additionally He is to testify to the world the truth and that those who listen to Him will know and stand on truth.
2. What do you think Jesus is speaking of when He talks of “testifying to the truth”? (Consider John 1:1-17, and John 14:6)
As our memory verse indicates, He is the truth! Only through Him may we be in the presence of the Father. He is the only way and He alone brings life, eternal life.
3. Compare and respond to how Jesus answered Pilot in John 18:36-37 with the claims about Him found in the first few verses of this gospel. (John 1:1-17).
It is clear to me that from the very beginning; Jesus came on a mission to declare truth from the lies of the world and Satan. He came to be a light of truth in the darkness of lies. He was not a convenient option but the plan of the Fathers from the beginning.
4. How does understanding Jesus’ mission purpose given to Him by the father, and His Kingdom in which He rules, help you grasp why he refused to fight, defend, or free himself from the trial and punishment given to Him?
I understand that it was for that very reason He came. All the good things He taught, and the miracles and healing He accomplished were not His purpose but rather for Him to be punished for our sins, die, rise again and reign as King was His purpose. By doing so He overcame darkness and death with the light of Truth. It would have been foolish for Him to come for a specific purpose but then stop short of accomplishing it.

Discovery Bible Study Exercise: In your journal or on a piece of paper make three columns and follow these steps:

- Step #1: Write out John 14:6
- Step #2: Re-write John 14:6 in your own words
- Step #3: Write out what you discover about Jesus in this passage?