

THE FOUR PEOPLE YOU MEET AT A CYUCITIXION

As Jesus drew near to the cross, there were critical moments and crucial decisions made that set things in motion that would lead to Jesus' death. This study looks at four people - Pilate, Judas, Jesus and Peter - and their unique part to play in the crucifixion. Understanding their perspectives will help us walk more closely with Jesus.



Week One

You Can't See the Truth You Aren't Looking For

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 18:28-19:16

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- 1. Pilate had to keep Rome and the Jews happy who are the people you need to keep happy in your life, at your job or in a relationship?
- 2. Read John 19:6-19 At first Jesus seems like a bother to Pilate, but over time he seems to want to release Jesus what do you think Pilate really thought about the whole situation?
- 3. Why do you think Jesus stayed quiet in these verses?
- 4. If Pilate has the power to save Jesus, why doesn't he?

SO NOW WHAT?

- 1. Are there areas in your life where you feel like Pilate on auto pilot (pun intended) just managing God instead of letting Him lead?
- 2. Which of these have a higher priority than God in your heart right now:
 - a. Your busy schedule.
 - b. Your plan for your life.
 - c. The sin(s) you wrestle with.
 - d. Your need to 'fit in' rather than 'stand out' as a Christian at school or at work.
- 3. So what do you need to do to let God be first in your life?
- 4. Take a few minutes to craft a plan over the next two weeks that places a higher priority on Christ. Have each person share with the group how they will reorient schedule, commitments, mind and heart so that they don't just 'manage' Jesus. Be specific with actionable words not just fluffy ideas.

PRAYER

Take time after each person shares to pray that their action plans take root.

GO DEEPER

Pretty much anything by Paul Washer on Youtube is thought-provoking, but this 9-minute video talking about the fear of the Lord is helpful to what we are talking about here - What Does It Mean to Fear the Lord? - Michael Durham & Paul Washer