



Life Group Discussion Guide
Conversations with Jesus
Jesus with Pilate – John 18:28-19:16

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Main thought: Our ultimate purpose is found in glorifying God.

Outline

1. God writes the story
2. God prepares the people
3. God is sovereign

If God is sovereign:

- Everyone will bow to His will
- Everything will bow to His will
- God is necessarily good

Welcome and Fellowship Time (suggested time 10 min)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

- How have you “wasted” your life on Jesus this past week?

Discussion Starter (suggested sharing time 5 min)

- Share a time when you fought God’s will in your life.

Sermon Review (suggested time 20 min)

Review John 18:33-40 and discuss the following questions

- What does Jesus declare as His purpose for coming into the world?
- What “truth” is Jesus bearing witness to?

Review John 19:9-16 and discuss the following questions:

- How is Pilate fulfilling God’s will even as he fails to successfully stand up for the truth by releasing Jesus?
- What is the “greater sin” that Jesus speaks about?



Digging Deeper (suggested time 15 min)

Read Matthew 27:24-26

- Do you think Pilate's ceremony of washing his hands freed him from the guilt of Jesus' death?
- Discuss the difference between the sin of omission (not doing what should be done) and the sin of commission (doing what should not be done).
- How is the release of Barabbas a reflection of our own salvation?

Application (suggested time 10 minutes)

- Have you yielded your life to God's will? Trusting in Jesus' work on the cross is the first step to yield your life to Him.
- In what ways have you tried to avoid God's will in your life? What steps can you take to stop avoiding God's will?
- How can God's sovereign will be an encouragement for you to seek after Him this week? What do you need to yield to His sovereign will so that He will be glorified?

Group Prayer Requests: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. *(Suggested time 10 minutes)*