



## WEEK THREE // John 18 + Mark 15 + Luke 23

### OVERVIEW

There were many unexpected encounters that Jesus had with others on the day of His earthly death. We will take a closer look at these and how they inform our walk with Jesus.

### DISCUSS

What do you do when Jesus doesn't do what you expect Him to do?

**Read the following passages out loud together: John 18:1-11, Mark 15:1-5, and Luke 23:32-43**

Did anything particular stand out to you as we read those stories together? If so, what and why?

What do those stories reveal about the character of God?

Jesus responded to the harshest accusations with silence. Is this unexpected to you? Why or why not? How does this challenge/equip/inspire you?

Ben highlighted the insecurities that were exposed through the unexpected events of the first Easter and how people had various expressions of those insecurities (Power grabs, people pleasing, physical violence, false accusations, denying affiliation, publicly mock, twisting truth, ignore facts, etc.). **How do your insecurities unexpectedly express themselves?**

Did anything else stick out from this message?

Are you feeling led to take any particular step in regards to this week's message/discussion? How can our group come alongside in doing so?

## A PRACTICE TO SHARE IN YOUR WEAKNESSES

One of the strongest ways to build community with others is to be honest with where you are weak and need help. Unfortunately, sharing our weaknesses can be quite difficult for many people. Below is a simple practice to help your group grow in your vulnerability.

- Sit in a circle.
- Going one at a time have everyone share a physical weakness/pain they are currently feeling. (Everyone should avoid long answers for this practice, brevity and honesty are the goal).
  - i.e. back pain, headaches, etc.
- After each person shares, recite as a group in unison, "Lord Jesus help us."
- Go around the circle until everyone has shared a physical weakness/pain.
- Go back around the circle and have everyone share a relational pain/weakness.
- Once again, have the entire group say "Lord Jesus help us" after each person shares.
- Once everyone shares a relational pain/weakness, you will go around one more time.
  - i.e. relationship with: co-worker, friend, family member
- This time have everyone share a character weakness and recite "Lord Jesus help us" each time once again.
  - i.e. impatience, anger, greed, etc.
- Once everyone has shared, have someone conclude in prayer, asking God to meet your group in your weaknesses.