



Growth Group Discussion Questions for John 19:17-27
Week of April 14-17, 2019

1. Scripture memory: Review 1 Peter 1:3-6; Memorize, meditate on, and be ready to recite 1 Pet 1:7.
2. Carefully read John 19:17-27.
3. While this passage may be a straight-forward factual historical narrative of Jesus' last hours, it is rich in prophetic fulfillment. Describe how this account relates to each of the following Old Testament passages. Note that the connection may be explicit, or it may be in type and allusion.
 - Isaiah 53:7
 - Genesis 22:6
 - Numbers 15:36 and Exodus 29:14 (see the connection in Hebrews 13:11-12)
 - Numbers 21:8-9 (see the connection in John 3:14)
 - Isaiah 53:12
 - Psalm 22:16-18
4. The crime of the one crucified was often inscribed on the cross on which they hung. What was the inscription on Jesus' cross (v. 19)? Why did Pilate write this instead of his crime? Why did the chief priests object (v. 21)? If neither Pilate nor the priests truly believed Jesus to be the King of the Jews, then why do you think was this declaration written?
5. Consider that Pilate's inscription that this man from the village of Nazareth was the king of the Jews was made in multiple languages of the day. What does this foretell about Jesus role beyond the Jewish people? (See John 18:37, Matthew 24:14, Revelation 9:9)

6. In the middle of his excruciating sacrifice, how does Jesus show both compassion and responsibility to his mother? (See vv. 25-27) This action by Jesus is a strong indication that Mary was widowed. But why would Jesus commit her care to John and not one of her other sons? (See John 7:5) How is even this act a demonstration of Jesus continual fulfillment of the law? (See Exodus 20:12 and Deuteronomy 5:16)

7. John makes explicit reference to the soldiers unknowingly fulfilling Psalm 22. In this Psalm, David gives a striking description of a form of execution that wasn't invented until centuries later. What other details in Psalm 22 describe Jesus' crucifixion? How are these details not coincidence, but a sign of God's hand at work? What does these tell you about the divine authorship of Scripture?

8. If you had been one of those many people (v. 20) who saw these three men being executed by Roman soldiers, would you have had any idea of what was happening theologically that afternoon? What was really taking place in God's plan through that execution? How indebted are you to the writings of the apostles and the Holy Spirit that you understand the gospel of the cross?

9. What principles or thoughts had the most impact on you from the message on Sunday, April 14th? How were you specifically challenged? What points of application did you take away from the message?

PRAY IN THE GROUP: Pray for our upcoming Good Friday and Easter services, that God would use them to change lives. Pray that God would stir the hearts of people in our community to join us to hear the life-changing message of the gospel. Pray about whom you might invite to these services.