CHECK INS: Let's check in quick with each other; how are we doing folks...?!?

8.17.25 - *SERMON RECAP*:

Grab your Bibles and turn to John 19:1-16. This past Sunday we reflected on where does our true allegiance fall- to Jesus and His Kingdom Ways or other things the world may offer. We specifically looked at how the Jewish Leaders had placed their allegiance upon the rituals and traditions and the OT Law, and Pilot had placed his ultimate allegiance to fear (of Rome and of the Jewish Leaders). Let's consider a few things as we come to know the heart of our God in this theme. May we grow to give our full allegiance to King Jesus and His Kingdom Ways in our lives. (As a community, lets take turns reading this scripture together; and then ponder/discuss these questions of application for our lives.)

DIGGING DEEPER:

- 1. When reflecting on Jesus being mocked, beaten, and sentenced though innocent, does it stir worship, gratitude, and a deeper devotion? What gets stirred up specifically for you??
- 2. The Jewish leaders were so focused on the 'religious' traditions and rituals (that remember only the past) that they had totally missed who Jesus was and how God was at work in the present... Are there traditions, routines, or mindsets we've inherited that keep us from seeing where God is actively working today??
- 3. How do we value spiritual appearances (church attendance, outward morality) over truly knowing and submitting to Jesus as Lord in my own personal walk??
- 4. In what ways do our outward actions and words declare where our allegiance is in our life? (Allegiance to things like normal and daily schedules, likes and dislikes or fear of loss).
- 5. Pilot exemplified being passive to stand up for Jesus' innocence for fear of Rome and the Jewish leaders. In Matt. 27:24-26 we see Pilot literally 'wash his hands' of having anything to do with Jesus' sentence... Where in our lives are we tempted to 'wash our hands' instead of standing for the truth of the Gospel and/or God's Kingdom Ways in our lives??
- 6. In what ways can we trade truth for comfort rather than live courageously for Christ??
- 7. When pressured by culture or peers, how do we stand for Jesus' Ways in our lives??
- 8. What steps can we take to realign our lives under the lordship of Jesus in light of our fears??

LIFE APPLICATION / PRAYER:

What is one application from this passage that you want to live out?

How Does ALL THIS Apply to our Values?



(t) Gospel Transformation

Compassionate Engagement (i)





Authentic Relationship

Kingdom Multiplication (W)