



Week of November 25, 2018

John 18:33-38

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

³⁸ Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him."



Group Leader

Remember: you don't need to use all of the questions. Go with what works. Give people a chance to think before answering, but if a question falls flat, move on. Let the discussion go where it needs to go, as long as it remains centered around the lesson. Give the participants page 1. Use this page for yourself.

Gathering questions:

- A. Did you ever believe in Santa Claus? The Tooth Fairy? When did you learn they weren't real? How did you react?
- B. What incident got you in the most trouble during your school years? How did you handle it? Did you confess?

Bible Study Questions:

1. Why is Pilate concerned about whether Jesus is a "king"?
2. What impression do you get of Pilate from this story?
3. How do you (personally) discern false teaching from truth?
4. "What is truth?" Do you see "truth" as primarily *factual*, or is "truth" a *moral* concept?
5. What points of Christian orthodoxy do you find most difficult to accept? How important are those points to being a Christian?
6. What would you say defines you? How are you true to that? What is your biggest temptation to be lured away from who you are?

Closing prayer: particularly invite prayers for God to help you discern and be true to yourself.