



*This Life Group discussion guide is meant to encourage growth in knowing Jesus through conversations around the Bible. As you move through the discussion guide you should learn more about God's plan for us and how to apply His truth in real life situations. You'll find your Life Group to be a place for growth in understanding and support for living a life that honors Jesus. The more you know and the more you apply, the more you thrive.*

## Life Group Discussion Guide

*Talk Title: Filthy*

Mark 14:53-15:22

### Know:

In this passage Jesus is condemned by religious leaders and then sentenced to death by Pilate, a government official. From our perspective it's easy to see the foolishness behind all the accusations against Jesus, but imagine yourself in their position. Can you see yourself going along with the religious leaders and the crowds?

Read Romans 3:9-18 and Ephesians 2:1-3.

What do these two passages reveal about us?

What does "dead" (Eph 2:1) mean and how can a dead person come alive again (Eph 1:5)?

In view of these two passages, why did the crowds reject Jesus? Why do people reject Jesus today?

### Apply:

"Total depravity" is a phrase used by many bible teachers to explain how our human nature became absolutely corrupt and sinful after the fall. Because our human nature is depraved, we cannot know or worship God without the sacrificial work of Jesus Christ making us clean. Therefore, the application for this study is to simply worship God as recipients of His grace.

Take some time in your group and praise God. You can use various prayer formats but the one I would recommend is the "popcorn prayer" format. This is where you say one thing about God that is awesome and then someone else says one thing and so on... Psalm 19 is a great Psalm to help get the praise time started.

### Thrive:

Develop a regular time to reflect and remember why you need the work of Jesus Christ for salvation. The more we understand the severity of our sin, the more we love and appreciate the work and grace of Christ. In other words, your praise and worship will grow!