

Share prayer requests with the small group. Ask someone to take notes and share the requests with group members after the meeting.

Sermon Study

April 9, 2017

Jesus Encounters/My Story

Pilate - John 18:28-19:16

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Christian
Church is a
fearless church
of Christ
followers whose
ridiculous love
and dangerous
witness are
irresistible.



*Eastview Christian Church small groups provide the optimal environment for the life change Jesus Christ intends for every person. Our groups typically have 8-14 people who **GATHER** together (Hebrews 10:24-25), **GROW** to be more Christ-like (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 1:14-16), **GIVE** of themselves in various ways (1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:11-16), and **GO** on to impact the world around them (Matthew 28:19).*

Gather (your group getting to know each other)

1. Tell of a time when you battled your parent's or bosses' authority.

2. Tell of a time when your kids battled your authority.

Go

(your group on mission)

Reflect on Matthew 28: 18 again. This week consider Jesus's authority over your life and the freedom it brings. Let that be a testimony to the people around you.

Grow (your group growing as Christ-followers)

Key Passage:

John 18:37 – Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

Discussion:

1. Read and discuss the gather questions.

2. Have someone read the scripture for this study to the group.

3. Pontius Pilate was the Roman Governor of Judea from A.D. 26-36. He resided mostly on the west coast in Ceasarea but frequented Jerusalem where he stayed at “the Praetorium”, a palace built by Herod the Great. This is the location of our scripture reading.

a. Discuss numerous examples from the scripture that show the power of Pontius Pilate.

b. In what ways did he exercise his power?

4. Point yourselves to verses 18:34-37. What do you think Jesus wanted Pilate to know?

a. What do you think Jesus wants us to know?

b. Jesus said “everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” In what ways does He call us to listen to Him?

c. In what areas of your life do you need to listen to Jesus?

5. Look now at 19:8-11. How did Jesus respond when Pilate spoke his authority over him?

a. Read Matthew 28:16-20 regarding Jesus' authority.

b. How do you respond to Jesus' authority?

6. What powerful attitudes do you come to Jesus with? What is keeping you from submitting these to Christ?

Give

(your group serving each other)

How can your group help you submit these attitudes to Christ and keep you accountable?

Pray in the group today about these things.