

SCC SMALL GROUP
GOSPEL OF JOHN - CHAPTER 19
Session 42 - John Chapter 19:1-16

Getting Started:

Have you ever been falsely accused of something or known someone who was?
What affect did it have?

How do you typically respond to people who are abusive?

What's There? - Searching the Scriptures

- A. Why would the Father allow Jesus to go through so much humiliation and pain even before the cross, as described in verses 1-5?
- B. Verse 19:8 says Pilate was afraid. Based on verses 6-9 why might this be so?
- C. Comment on Jesus' statement in verse 10: "You would have no power over me if it were not given you from above". What does this tell us about God's protection?
- D. What were some of the reasons the religious leaders gave for crucifying Jesus. What does it mean in verse 11 that they were guilty of greater sin?
- E. What do you observe about Pilate's character in this chapter?

F. What crime did Pilate eventually convict Jesus of?

So What? - Applying the Scriptures

A. What does it feel like to be criticized or have your words twisted?

B. Have you ever been tempted to make a decision based on fear and ambition?

C. How does the example Jesus set in His trial help you in how you might respond to bullies?

Prayer

Praise God for His reconciling work through Christ that brought you to Him at the right time when you were hostile and helpless. Pray for anyone who is feeling criticized unfairly that they will have wisdom in how to respond.

For further insight about these questions and a commentary, please refer to the Session 42 helps posted with this study at sequimcommunitychurch.org/small-groups