

Jesus on Trial Discussion Questions

Mark 15:1-20

1. Who is/was an influential person in your life? What is/was their impact on you?
2. How are people using their voices today to make change either for good or for bad?
3. Why did the religious leaders need Pilot to condemn Christ to death instead of doing it themselves?
4. What does the extent of their actions to get Jesus condemn say about the character and heart of these religious leaders?
5. In your opinion, why do you think Jesus kept quiet instead of defending Himself or witnessing to this group of people?
6. Why is it so hard for us to take charge or responsibility for our actions and decisions? Why do we try to “pass the buck” to some else?
7. What benefit is there to passing the buck? Is this really a benefit?
8. What can we learn from making the hard decisions that people will disagree with? How do we grow from this?
9. Does the easy way out ever really work? Why or why not?
10. How are we like Barabbas?
11. Why is it important for us to realize that our sins are just as terrible as the sins of someone like Barabbas?
12. Why do we often ignore the good advice we receive from other people when we have decisions to make?
13. What kind of trouble do we get in by ignoring the good advice we receive?
14. Why didn't reasoning with the religious leaders and the crowd work?

15. Tell of a situation in your life where you could not reason with someone? What did you do next?
16. Are you a people pleaser? How is this beneficial? What are some of the dangers of trying to please the majority?
17. What are some of the emotions you feel when trying to please everyone?
18. Is there something you are feeling guilty about that you can't get rid of no matter how hard you try? What is the only way to get rid of this guilt? Would you like to do that now?
19. What kind of influence or impact for Christ are you making on the people around you? You may not be a Billy Graham, but are you being an Edward Kimball?
20. Look at 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 & 28. What phrase sticks out to you the most? Why? What impact does it have on you when you take communion?