

24/7 LENTEN PRAYER

MARCH 14-20, 2021

Use this guide as a pattern and adapt your hour as you feel necessary. Read each passage of Scripture and let the questions guide you into prayer. Spend as little or as long on each section as you need.

1. **Begin in silence.** Quiet your heart. Thank God for His presence. Feel free to enjoy as much silence as you need.
2. **Read John 18:1-14.**
 - Judas comes to Jesus with a group of soldiers with the intent of arresting him. Why are you coming to Jesus?
 - Jesus asks twice, "Who is it you want?" (v. 4, 7). Who are you praying to? What image comes to mind as you speak to God?
 - Peter reacts with violence. Why might we feel like we need to defend Jesus, either violently or not? How else might we respond when we feel like our Savior is under attack?
3. **Read John 18:15-18.**
 - Peter denies being one of Jesus' disciples. He has followed Jesus this far only to stop short of identifying with Jesus. Why does he defend Jesus one minute (v. 10) and deny him the next?
4. **Read John 18:19-24.**
 - Jesus spoke openly to the world. Who are the people you know who need to hear his words?
 - How would you testify on Jesus' behalf?
5. **Read John 18:25-27.**
 - Peter is identified as someone who has been with Jesus in the garden. He now denies not only discipleship to Jesus, but even being with him at all. Why were the people by the fire so concerned with identifying him?
6. **Read John 18:28-40.**
 - Pilate asks Jesus if he is the king of the Jews. Why is this such a threatening title to Pilate?
 - What is it that Jesus has done?
 - Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. How does the source of the kingdom reveal its nature? How would it be different if it were of this world?

"Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

John 18:34

7. **Read John 19:1-16.**

- Pilate becomes afraid when he learns Jesus claimed to be the Son of God. He had Jesus crucified due to pressure from the people. What things do you give in to because you're afraid of what others might think?
- The Jewish people say they have no king but Caesar. It seems they don't really believe this but will say whatever it takes to get Jesus crucified. How are you tempted to do what it takes to get what you want? What convictions or beliefs are easy for you to abandon when "necessary"?

8. **Read John 19:17-27.**

- Jesus dies as the king of the Jews. Why is this most evident not after His resurrection, but at His death? What is it about His death that means He is the exalted King?

9. **Read John 19:28-37.**

- Jesus fulfills Scripture in the way that he dies. He brings Scripture to life in His death. What Scripture has God made alive in you?
- When Jesus receives the drink, he says, "It is finished." How have you experienced the finished work of Christ on your behalf?

10. **Finish by thanking God for the death of His Son.**

