

## **What On Earth Are You Looking For? “Jesus is the Truth”**

Text: Jesus with Pilate

Purpose: In our culture, truth has become a very relevant thing. But Jesus says “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” What does it mean for Jesus to be the truth? In light of everything else we are looking for in life, what does it look like for us to be people of truth?

Opening Interaction: 2 Truths & A Lie – take turns coming up with 2 things that are true about you and one that is a lie and have others guess which is the lie.

Read and Discuss: John 18:14 - 19:16

- In this passage, what details seem important? What jumps out at you?
  - What is the author communicating to his audience?
  - What does this passage teach us about God?
1. How do you define the word “truth?” What are ways that others think about the ideas of truth? What makes something “true?”
  2. How do the interactions between Pilate and Jesus in this passage illustrate the clash between different understandings of truth? How can we navigate similar classes in our own lives?
  3. Pilate repeatedly tries to release Jesus but ultimately gives in to the crowd’s demands (John 19:12-16). How does fear of public opinion or pressure influence our decisions about truth and justice?
  4. What on earth was Pilate looking for? What about Jesus did Pilate miss? What do we miss?
  5. Reflecting on this passage, how can we live out Jesus’ example of standing for truth and justice, even when it’s unpopular or costly? What are some practical steps we can take in our daily lives to uphold these values?

Announcements:

- Easter at Calvary! Good Friday service is at 7 PM on March 29. Easter services are on March 31 at normal service times (9 & 10:30).
- Lead Pastor Search – The Search Team continues to meet together. Please be praying as they interview candidates.