

## **Lent: Discussion Questions (2/18/24)**

### *Week 2: Competing Messiahs*

Instructions: A life group is a family growing in Jesus together (worship), caring for each other (community), and BLESSing our neighbors together (mission). Start with a couple of the CONNECT questions. Then read the Scriptures and discuss. Make sure to conclude by applying the passage and finishing with a time of prayer.

#### **CONNECT TOGETHER** (choose 1-2)

1. What is something you are thankful for this week?
2. How have you seen Jesus at work in the world around you? How have you been able to join him? Remember, God works through small stories.
3. Are you facing a challenge right now?
4. From Sunday's message, is there a thought or idea that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, or surprised you?

#### **READ Luke 23:13-25**

1. Have someone retell the passage in their own words.
2. Does anything happen in this passage that is different from what you typically would expect?
3. Does anything stand out as surprising, interesting, confusing, or powerful?
4. What other ironies do you see in this passage (ex. Barabbas means "Son of the Father" and Jesus is the Son of the Father)
5. How does Herod and Pilate's leadership and character contrast with Jesus?
6. What do you learn about people in this passage? (yourself, others)
7. What do you learn about God in this passage? (his character, his ways, etc.)

#### **LIVE IT OUT**

1. How can you apply this passage this week?
2. How is this passage calling our group to live out God's mission to bless others?

#### **PRAY**

