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John 18: Jesus is arrested and tried

Reminders

Easter - We will be having 2 Good Friday services and 3 Easter services. The Good Friday services will be at 5:30 and 7pm. Easter morning services will be at 8, 9:30, and 11am. Please try to attend the 8am service as the later services will be crowded with visitors. Make sure to check The City to “reserve your spot” so we can have an idea of how many to expect at each service and be prepared.

Easter planning - Check with your CG people about CG plans for the weeks of Good Friday and Easter in light of the extra church commitments.

Next Steps - April 15th. This meeting is for people who have been around Exodus Church who want to learn more about our church--who we are, what we do, and how we do it. It's also the first step in the membership process for those who are interested in joining us in our journey.

March Prayer Focus

Rest in God's Timing- Exodus 32

I don't know many people who just love waiting. Resting in God's Timing is hard. Trusting that He will provide what we need when we need it is difficult.

There are so many ways in which we need to pray this for one another.

1. Restoration Project
2. Trusting God's Timely Provision
3. In our Personal Lives
4. As we begin new initiatives at Exodus

Guide Questions

Discuss your plans for Easter.

- Using the invite cards.
- Group Schedule for the next few weeks.
- Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Remember

Read John 18:1-27

What stands out from the passage? Anything from the sermon capture your heart?

Deepen

John 13:1 serves as a transition statement where John reminds us that Jesus is loving us all the way to the end. How do we see Jesus loving us in this passage?

There are four gospels in the New Testament. Read the following passages that are parallel to John. What are some other elements included? How does that shine light on John?

- John 18:1-11 - Matthew 26:47-56
- John 18:12-13 - Mark 14:53-65
- John 18:16-18 - Luke 22:55-62

In this event, Jesus experiences betrayal. What are some of the more hurtful aspects of this betrayal by Judas from John 18 or Matthew 26?

What insights from the passage show why is betrayal particularly difficult?

Jesus experienced injustice. How do we see both personal and systemic injustice in this narrative?

Jesus was denied by one of his closest friends. Talk about this from Jesus' perspective and Peter's.

In light of the betrayal, injustice, and denial Jesus faced, what fresh insights do you have about his love and grace? Read John 21:15-19. And discuss in light of this.

Transform

Read 1 Peter 2:21-25.

How does Peter writing this about Jesus enlighten your reading of the passage?

How can Jesus' example encourage us when we feel attacked or offended by those closest to us?

Close your time in prayer.