

6. Scene 5: Read John 19:4-8
  - a. What point was Pilate trying to make by presenting Jesus to the Jews gathered there in this way?
  - b. Why did the Jewish leaders insist that Jesus should die?
  - c. What made Pilate afraid?
7. Scene 6: John 19:9-11
  - a. Why was Pilate wrong to claim that he had power to either free or crucify Jesus?
  - b. Why are the ones who handed Jesus over to Pilate more guilty?
  - c. What does Jesus mean by saying Pilate's power is given from above? (Read Romans 13:1-7)
  - d. What does this mean about how we should relate to those who have power over us? (See Romans 13:1-7; Mark 12:17)
8. Scene 7: John 19:12-16a
  - a. What threat do the Jewish leaders make that force Pilate to have Jesus executed?
  - b. What compromise do the Jewish leaders make in order to ensure they achieve their goal?

#### Applying it to our frontlines and church life

9. How as Christians should we respond differently to those who have human power over our lives?
10. If we are part of a different kingdom not based on human power, what difference should this make to:
  - a. The way we run as a church organisation?
  - b. We encourage people to become disciples of Christ?

# GROWTH TEAMS



**PRAYER**



**CARE**



**SHARE**

**Week Beginning  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

#### Growth Team News

Growth Teams are a great place to meet with others, build relationships of care, pray for one another and share our understanding of God's word with each other.

This is the last week of Growth Teams before an Easter Break. Growth Teams will return the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> April.

With lockdown we have two Growth Teams running on Zoom:

**Mon.** 8:00pm *on Zoom*  
**Thu.** 8:00pm *on Zoom*

Anyone is welcome to join us. Please contact Paul (01843 592562) for more information or to join a team.

## Are you the king of the Jews?

*John 18:28-19:16a (page 1087 in the church Bibles)*

*Space to take notes on the talk*

❖ A story of human power \_\_\_\_\_?

❖ A story of the \_\_\_\_\_ of human power?

❖ A story of the \_\_\_\_\_ of kingdoms?

➤ Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Jesus brings \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Jesus brings \_\_\_\_\_

## Getting to know each other

- ❖ In terms of human power, what is the strongest position you have taken on? How in control did you feel?

## Praise: Psalm 22

Read the Psalm then take it in turns to choose a verse and use it as the start of a short prayer of praise to God.

## Responding to the talk

1. If you were editing a Bible translation what headline would you give to this story?
2. Scene 1: Read John 18:28-32
  - a. Why did the Jewish leaders need to bring Jesus to Pilate?
  - b. How do these verses already suggest Pilate was not in charge?
  - c. What is ironic about the fact the Jewish leaders were concerned with ceremonial cleanness?
  - d. How do these verses hint at the fact Jesus is in control?
3. Scene 2: Read John 18:33-38a
  - a. What evidence does Jesus give to show that 'his kingdom is not of this world'?
  - b. How does this show his kingdom is different to other kingdoms?
  - c. According to Jesus, how is his role as king different to other kings?
  - d. What kind of truth does Jesus bring? (See John 1:14; 14:6).
  - e. How does the truth that Jesus brings effect his followers? (See John 8:31-32)
4. Scene 3: Read John 18:38b-40
  - a. What is Pilate's verdict on Jesus?
  - b. Why does he try to release Jesus in this way?
  - c. What does this show about Pilate's power?
5. Scene 4: Read John 19:1-3
  - a. What kind of power does Pilate wield here?