

# GROWTH GROUP

## Study Guide

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John 18:28-40 – Blinded by Lies, Confronted by the Truth

### My Story

1. As a child, were you ever blamed for something you didn't do?  
How did you react?

### Digging Deeper

2. Pilate was concerned about the Roman Empire, while Jesus indicates His Kingdom is not of this world. What words would you use to describe the Roman Kingdom vs. Jesus' Kingdom?  
How are they similar and different?
3. Jesus speaks of truth in verse 37, and frequently at other places. What are some other statements Jesus makes regarding truth?

4. How does Barabbas' freedom at Christ's expense illustrate the Gospel?

### Reflection

5. In what ways does Pilate's scoffing at truth (v.38) resemble our secular culture?
6. In what ways might we be blinded when confronted by the truth of Scripture? How can we "open the eyes of our hearts" to be more receptive to the influence of God's Word?

# SERMON NOTES

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## Taking the Next Step

In Ephesians 4:15 the Apostle Paul encourages us to speak the truth in love. Take time to reflect on and evaluate the things you say this week by asking: 1) Is what I am saying true? 2) Is what I am saying loving?

## Praises / Prayer Requests

