

GROWTH GROUP

Study Guide

John 19:1-16 – Cowardly Concessions

My Story

1. Were you ever bullied as a kid? What happened?

Digging Deeper

2. Multiple times Pilate claimed that he found Jesus innocent. Why scourge an innocent man?

3. Compare the actions and attitudes of Pilate, Jesus, and the Jews in this section of Scripture. Choose one word to describe each of them (Pilate, Christ and the crowd).

4. Read verses 8-11. In light of Jesus' answer, did Pilate really have the power to make his own choice here?

Reflection

5. What parallels can you draw between the crowd's threats toward Pilate (v.12) and the world's attempts to detour Christians from fully following Christ?

6. What can we learn from Pilate's actions to help us avoid wavering in our faith and testimony?

SERMON NOTES

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Taking the Next Step

Make a plan! Take time this week to identify one area of your life where you find yourself tempted to compromise your convictions. Write out a 3-step strategy to overcome those temptations.

Praises / Prayer Requests

