

Not of This World

John 18:28-19:16

The Story . . .

As Jesus' followers,

we are _____ of His Kingdom

How do we live out this identity?

1. We _____ to _____

2. We _____ God's _____

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: What would be your ideal vacation?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read John 18:28-19:16. Who are the main characters here?
Where does this take place?

What do you think Jesus meant in 18:36 when he said His Kingdom was "not of this world"?

Can you think of examples from history or contemporary society of people trying to use "this world" means to accomplish Kingdom purposes? What was the result?

Why do you think Pilate responds the way he does to Jesus' comment about truth (18:37-38a)?

- Think of some of the people you know who aren't in relationship with God through Jesus. How do you think they would respond to Jesus' statement, "Everyone on the side of truth listens to me"?

If Pilate wanted to set Jesus free (19:12), why didn't he? What kept him from doing so?

- In what ways does that same factor keep people today from deciding for Jesus?
- How can it be overcome?

What in this passage would challenge someone who hasn't made up their mind yet about Jesus?

What in this passage would comfort someone who is following Jesus but going through a difficult time?

How can we pray for one another?