

Think about it.

1. Share with your group one of the dumbest decisions that you have ever made.
2. What were the consequences to your decision?

Discovering the Word.

1. Read Matthew 27:11-12. What is Pilate wanting out of Jesus?
2. How did Jesus respond? Why do you think Jesus responded in this way?
3. Read Matthew 27:13-14.
4. How does Jesus' response surprise Pilate? In what other ways could Jesus have responded?
5. Read Matthew 27:15-18; 20-23; 25. What was Pilate hoping to accomplish?
6. What did the religious leaders do to make sure Jesus wasn't released?
7. How would you put v. 25 in your own words? What was the crowd asking?
8. Read Matthew 27:19. What was Pilate's wife trying to accomplish?
9. Read Matthew 27:24, 26. What was the significance of Pilate washing his hands?
10. What poor choices did Pilate make in this passage? What were the consequences of his decisions?

What will you do?

1. How are you tempted to pass the buck with what God calls you to do?
2. How do you look for loop holes to get out of a responsibility that God has given you?
3. What decision is God asking you to make in your life?