



“Trials”

Small Group Discussion Guide
April 13, 2025

NOTE: Small Group Leaders, it's time to party, y'all! Have you RSVP'ed for the Volunteer Appreciation party on Sunday, April 27, 6:30-8:30pm? Check your latest Small Group Leader Update Email with links to RSVP.

Key Scripture: Luke 23:1-25

Key Points:

- Left alone, guilt will mask yourself; blame the world around you; medicate yourself; punish the world around you.
- Jesus endured trials to establish His innocence, to legitimize your forgiveness.

Group Opener:

If you haven't talked about it: What are your plans for attending and/or serving on Easter? Or, how is it going with those in your *oikos*?

Discussion Questions:

1. Can you remember a time when peer pressure or popular opinion influenced you to make a wrong decision? What happened?
2. Read Luke 23:13-19. Why did the crowd choose Barabbas, the insurrectionist and murderer, over Jesus?
3. How can we develop confidence in our faith even when the crowds around us seem skeptical, indifferent, or outright reject Jesus?
4. How does guilt—unprocessed or ignored—drive us to make harmful choices in our lives and relationships?
5. When have you felt the weight of guilt or shame, and how did Jesus meet you in that moment? How does the passion week give you confidence to give your guilt to Jesus?