

04.13.25 Facilitator “The Crucifixion of Jesus” Tim Rice

Pray Together:

1. Worship the LORD, our Redeemer – the only One who has the power and the love to set us free from all that is wrong with us. Praise Him that when we have sought to un-seat Him that He loved us enough to be un-seated in Christ so that we could be seated at His table as His family!
2. How have you lived blind to your own mistreatment of others? Confess your pride and your bondage to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and change your heart to love others truly as He has loved you.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for the miracle of His sacrificial love vs. our selfishness and destructiveness! Thank Him for yielding His privileges and comforts willingly to trade places with us, bearing our costs and freely sharing His blessings.
4. Who do you know that is bullied or dominated by someone else? And who do you know that is oppressive? Pray for them, asking the Lord to work in their hearts to set them free from their core problems of slavery to sin and death.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and goodness. Pray that He would work into your heart a sense of the freedom Jesus truly achieved for you so that you could work joyfully to see others set free in Christ.

Discussion Questions:

- Was it well with your soul walking into the Weekly Church Gathering? How was your heart, circumstances, relationships, etc.?
- Notice how the Lord nourished you and others in Church:
 - o What believers did you see being used by Jesus to serve others?
 - o How did the Gospel dwell richly in you through the singing and liturgy?
 - o In what way did the Spirit encourage or console you through the spiritual interaction with another brother or sister in Christ?
- Read the passage of the sermon together and discuss.

Specific Sermon Discussion Questions: John 19:1-18

A. Power Dynamics

- How do you explain oppression?
- What is power without character or authority without humility?
- Where are you inclined to disrespect someone who is small or not imposing?

B. A Truly Vicious Cycle

- How are you unwilling to let go of power? (Think of electric fence analogy)
- What is Jesus’ response to Pilate? Why is His silence a verdict of our behavior?

C. An Unexpected Solution

- Why does it matter that Jesus is the Passover Lamb, sacrificed for us?
- How does Jesus’ work turn off the breaker to the fence?