



LOVE like Jesus

Get to know each other.

Who is a person from the Bible that you would consider a “Bad Boy”? Is there anything about this character that you identify with?

Share a time you didn’t follow your conscience and regretted it?

LEARN from Jesus

Discuss the lessons of the message.

Pilate isn’t convinced that Jesus is guilty of any charges that the religious authorities brought against Him and is reluctant to condemn Him, but he gives in to their demands and hands Jesus over to be crucified.

- Why does Pilate go against what he knows to be true?
- Do you think he really believes himself to be innocent of Jesus’s blood?
- Can you think of any recent examples in which a leader, celebrity, etc. tried to absolve themselves of responsibility for an action that hurt another person?

In Matthew 27:19 it states, “Pilate’s...wife sent him this message: ‘Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.’”

- In what other instances has God used dreams to send people messages?
- Have you ever received a message you believe was from God in a dream?

The crowd demanding Jesus’s crucifixion seems willing to accept His blood on their hands.

- Are we any different than them?
- What role does grace play in this story?

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Apply the message to your life.

What do Pilate’s actions teach us about integrity?

Do you think we should follow Jesus’s example when faced with unfair accusations, or is it OK to defend ourselves?