

## **DISCUSSION 1**

The King of the Jews (vv. 18-27)

1. Why is it ironic that Pilate puts “The King of the Jews” on Jesus’s inscription? What does it mean that Jesus is the “King of the Jews”?
2. Why is it important that Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament?
3. How is it that the Jewish leaders killed the very person whose arrival they were awaiting? Read Hebrews 3:12-15. How do we as Christians protect ourselves from being blinded by sin?

## **DISCUSSION 2**

It is Finished (vv. 28-30)

1. What is Jesus referring to when he says, “It is finished”? What are the things that Jesus came to accomplish here on earth?
2. Read Isaiah 53:10-12. Why is it that a person can only be saved by believing in Jesus and the gospel? What are some things that people believe can save them other than Jesus?
3. Though we know that Jesus’s finished work is the only thing that can save us, we typically struggle to believe this practically. What are some things that you do or believe that detract from Christ’s saving grace (i.e. legalism, forced guilt, etc.)?

## DISCUSSION 3

Sovereignty (vv. 31-42)

1. What is the definition of sovereignty? What are some ways that you see God's sovereignty in this section?
2. Has there been a time in your life where you can look back and see God's sovereign hand, though at the time it looked chaotic? In what ways did God use this for his glory?
3. Read Acts 2:22-23. Spend some time as a group discussing the sovereignty of God and human responsibility.

## FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important that Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament?
2. Reread verses 28-30. What is Jesus referring to when he says, "It is finished"? A: Jesus completed the work that the Father gave to him. Similar to when Mommy/Daddy asks you to do something for them, and you come back and say, "I did it!" Jesus's words are his saying "I did it!" to his Father.
3. Define "sovereignty" as a family. Make a list together of all the ways that God is/has been sovereign in your family's life.

## APPLICATION

- Journal about how God has sovereignly brought you to the circumstances and season of life, good or bad, that you're in right now. Relate your story to the promise of Romans 8:28-29.
- Commit to memorizing Romans 3:23-26. Dwell on this question as you memorize the passage: What reasons does this passage give for why Jesus was crucified?