

## A House For People

**Open The Conversation:** Share a scripture you have been meditating on recently.

**Key Scripture:** Read the following together.

*13Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, 14said to them, "You have brought this Man to me, as one who misleads the people. And indeed, having examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him; 15no, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him; and indeed nothing deserving of death has been done by Him. 16I will therefore chastise Him and release Him" 17(for it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast). 18And they all cried out at once, saying, "Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas"— 19who had been thrown into prison for a certain rebellion made in the city, and for murder. 20Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. 21But they shouted, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" 22Then he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go." 23But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed. 24So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested. 25And he released to them the one they requested, who for rebellion and murder had been thrown into prison; but he delivered Jesus to their will.*

*Luke 23:13-24*

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

**Start Sharing:** Choose one question to start the conversation, move onto others if time allows.

- Pilate chose to succumb to the demands and expectations of man. Can you share a time you chose to stand against the opinions and expectations of man and chose to point to Jesus in your words and actions? What about a time you noticed someone else in your life choosing to point to Jesus? How did that impact you?
- We witness throughout scripture when people turned to the world for gratification from man. What are some common ways you turn to the world for your gratification and/or affirmation?
- Jesus found all of His affirmation and gratification from His Heavenly Father. Share a time when you chose to turn to God for gratification instead of the "satisfaction" from the world. What did God show you or work in your heart in that process? How did humility impact your submission to God?

- Read Colossians 3:12-17. What does it look like to bear with one another and point each other to Jesus?
- What does it look like to let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly with all wisdom? (Col. 3:16)

**Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.**

*“Lord, help us to be people who bear with one another and point others to You. We are committed to adhering to Your truth and not succumbing to the pressures of the world. We long for You! Amen.”*