



Week 2 – Connection Group Questions

Open:

1. Which of these violent deaths do you remember the most: John F Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr, John Lennon, Tupac Shakur?
2. Which one affected you the most? Why?

Dig:

Read Matthew 27:27-31

3. Why were the soldiers so cruel with Jesus? What does that say about their view of him?
4. What does it say about Jesus that he did not react to the soldier's cruelty?
5. What significance is there in how they dressed Jesus up?

Read Matthew 27:32-37

6. Why does Jesus need Simon's help? What shape is he in at this point?
7. For what official reason is Jesus crucified?

Reflect:

8. If Jesus came today, who would "crucify" him? What would be the charges leveled against him now?
9. In what way does the agony of these insults and torture deepen your appreciation of what Christ did for you in his death?

Prayer:

Close in prayer thanking God for sacrificing His Son, and for Jesus' willingness to die such a cruel death on our behalf.