
TO GO

1. Describe a time when you got excited about “the next best thing” only to become disappointed by it. What drew you there? How did you come to realize it was an empty pursuit?
2. Read John 18:28–40. Identify the main characters in the narrative. What do they say, do, or think that indicates their value system?
3. What ironies do you see in the text? How do people’s values betray their better judgment?
4. How does Jesus interact with Pilate? What tightrope does he try to walk in his interactions with Jesus? Why does this prove difficult?
5. How does the text portray the desire to preserve the religious system of the day? How does Jesus point to something better?
6. How does our culture tend to think about truth? Read John 18:37–38. Why are Jesus’ truth claims so important. What about his life and death backs up his claim here in v37?
7. Have you chosen Jesus over these other systems? Why or why not? If you don’t have a clear answer, make sure to find someone you trust who is walking with Jesus and tell them about your struggle. Ask them to pray for you. And make plans, together, to get your questions answered.