



April 7, 2019
**Transformed as we
Follow the King**
John 18:28-40



CELEBRATION - How did we “walk in love as Christ loved us” this week?



WORD - WHAT DID GOD SAY IN HIS WORD?

Read together: John 18:28-40

Recall from Sunday:

We are called to live as citizens of Jesus’s kingdom of love

Reflect: Who are America’s enemies? Who are your company’s biggest competitors? Who causes you and your family the most trouble personally?



HEART - WHAT DID GOD SAY TO ME THROUGH HIS WORD?

The religious leaders made a big deal out of remaining pure, following the law, and punishing evil, but they were blinded to the sin in their own hearts (18:28-32). Do you spend a lot of time worrying about whether you or your family are following the rules? What might problems in your heart might that distract you from?

As Pilate interrogates Jesus, we find out that Jesus’s kingdom operates differently from the kingdoms of the world (18:33-40). How is Jesus’s kingdom different from the kingdom of the United States? Are they ever in conflict? How do you handle being a citizen of the kingdom of Jesus while living in the kingdom of the world?

If Jesus’s kingdom looks like sacrificially loving the people who cause us trouble, what does that look like for the groups you identified in the “Reflect” section? Do you find yourself relating to them like Jesus would? Why or why not?



WORLD - WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO ABOUT IT?

Every culture has elements that run counter to Jesus’s kingdom. As you identify ways you’ve operated according to the kingdom of the world rather than Jesus’s kingdom, you may need to repent and change course. Confess these things to each other and God, and seek how you can live in love as citizens of Jesus’s kingdom this week.

If there are people or groups causing you trouble, consider how you could bless them, delight them, pray for them, help them this week in such a way that would make them wonder why you’d go so far for them. Pray for courage to acknowledge Jesus if the question arises.