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WEEK 3 DISCUSSION GUIDE

"For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him."

FINDING YOURSELF IN THE STORY

- Jesus was guiltless. (John 18:38)
- Jesus became our sin. (2 Cor. 5:21)
- Jesus took away our sin. (1 John 3:5)
- **Now read Hebrews 4:12-13.** *If today was the day that everything was uncovered in your life before God what would your main emotion or response be?*

LET'S DISCUSS

Luke 23:23, "*But with loud shouts [the whole crowd] insistently demanded that [Jesus] be crucified, and their shouts prevailed.*"

- **Imagine you are Pilate and in charge of the Roman justice system.** What would it take for you to be persuaded to condemn an innocent man like he did?
- **Imagine you are in the crowd.** What would you have had to believe about Jesus in order to demand he be crucified instead of a murderer?

The word "ALIVE" is written in large, bold, capital letters. Each letter has a different color gradient: 'A' is dark purple, 'L' is purple, 'I' is pink, 'V' is red, and 'E' is orange. The letters are set against a white background with a subtle pattern of small white dots.

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CONSIDER THIS

Focus on Jesus, not on your sin.

- What does this verse say about how we "retrain our brain" like Pastor Kyle suggested:

"Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you." Romans 12:1-2, MSG

- What do you think it means to fix our attention on God?
- Where would you honestly say your attention goes most of the time?

REAL TALK

While it's not good to focus primarily on your sin, we still shouldn't dismiss it as no big deal.

- **What is one area of your life where you used to feel ruled or controlled by a particular sin and now it's as if Jesus has set you free?**
- **If you've never experienced that, ask Jesus to help you.**

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NEXT STEPS

FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD (ROM. 3:23)

Sin is the one thing every human has in common. This shouldn't be something we compare and judge others on, but more so something that increases empathy and grace for one another.

Would you say that you are more tempted to judge others or yourself when it comes to sin?

I NO LONGER CALL YOU SERVANTS, BECAUSE A SERVANT DOES NOT KNOW HIS MASTER'S BUSINESS. INSTEAD, I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS, FOR EVERYTHING THAT I LEARNED FROM MY FATHER I HAVE MADE KNOWN TO YOU. (JOHN 15:15)

God calls you his friend.

How do you personally "relish the relationship" with Jesus?