



Welcome to Summer Small Groups!
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Jesus' death is substitutionary

John 18:12-27, page 904

Question for discussion:

How does the world encourage us to think about or assess ourselves?

Introduction: An unjust trial

Big idea: Jesus is innocent but dies as a substitute for people like Peter, and us.

1. Peter's denial

2. Jesus' trial

Application:

Questions for discussion: (existing small group leaders please lead the discussion)

1. What detail(s) did you find most surprising / encouraging / challenging in our passage?
Are there any details you would like to clarify?
2. How does this passage help you appreciate Jesus more?
3. How does correctly understanding the doctrine of substitution help our personal assurance and confidence in the cross?
4. In what ways might we be tempted to deny Jesus? What is the right response?
5. How would you answer someone who asks: 'How does Jesus dying on the cross deal with my sin?'

Take some time to pray