

**Applying It In My Life** .....Group time - 20 minutes

1. Describe in your own words the impact upon you of Jesus' experience since His arrest – the betrayal, interrogation, mocking, scourging and condemnation. As you reflect on Jesus' death what strikes you as important? How has Jesus' death affected your life? What difference would you like it to make in your life?
2. God had been orchestrating history to a climax in Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. How does Jesus' trial reflect God having all these events under His control? What sense of assurance and comfort does that offer you when you look at your own life and God's ultimate control in it?
3. As the winter session of *Growth Groups* comes to a close, express to the group the importance to you of Growing Together in God's Word as a small group. Thank your leader for their servant's heart. Acknowledge someone in the group who has been an encouragement to you. You have two weeks off for Spring Break and resume meeting the week of April 4-8. At that time we will finish off John and then begin a new study in Exodus.

**Prayer Time** .....Group time - 15 minutes

*Praise Jesus for finishing His agonizing work just as the Father had willed it. Praise God for having all these events under control. Give thanks to God that He is committed to the work of redeeming all of us who are guilty of sin. Give thanks for your Growth Group and how much you enjoy Growing Together in God's Word with them.*

Finish your prayer time by praying for the needs of those in your *Growth Group*. Take a few minutes to share prayer requests. Ask someone in the group to record your prayers so that in future weeks you can see where God is answering your prayers.

**RISE**  
*Rising Through Crucifixion*

**Jesus Being Crucified**

**John 19:17-22**

- John was the only DISCIPLE that saw Jesus nailed to the cross.
- For the Christian the cross is the GLORY of God.
- Don't miss the power and LOVE of the cross.
- The sign shows us who Jesus REALLY is.

*Who Jesus Is*

**The Soldiers Cast Lots**

**John 19:23-24**

- Jesus being crucified was not an ACCIDENT.
- God was in CONTROL.

# GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

Week of March 14-18, 2016

## Getting Started .....Group time - 15 minutes

1. Describe a situation where you had to make a personal sacrifice for the benefit of someone else (ex. a mother for a child). What was most challenging about making that sacrifice? What was most satisfying about making that sacrifice?
  
2. Jesus made a great personal sacrifice on the cross for each of us. As Easter Week draws close and South Shores offers numerous opportunities for you to invite family, friend and co-workers to hear the gospel, whom would you like to pray for? List 3-5 names below and pray for the opportunity to invite them to South Shores sometime during Easter Week.

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FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

## Getting Into God's Word.....Group time - 40 minutes

**Read John 19:17-24** (In preparation to answer questions)

1. John, as the only disciple who was an eyewitness to the crucifixion, carefully chooses what to record. What was John emphasizing in his description of Pilate's notice? What was significant about how Pilate worded the charge against Jesus?

2. Why were the chief priests furious with Pilate about the notice he hung on the placard above Jesus' cross? Why was it posted on the sign in all three of the major languages of Palestine? (19-22) What was ironic about what Pilate wrote?

3. What did John observe about the soldiers casting of lots for Jesus' clothing? Why was the manner in which they did this so significant?

4. Read Psalm 22:1-18. How are some of the prophecies of this psalm fulfilled in Jesus' suffering and death? How does this reflect how God was preparing to work through Jesus through the entire Bible?

5. How did John emphasize Jesus' kingship and the kingdom of God in His trial and crucifixion? Why did he do this? What is the significance in our lives today of Jesus' kingship?