

## **Group Discussion Guide: Malchus' Perspective | March 19, 2023**

**Begin with Scripture, silence, reflection, and prayer (10 minutes).**

**Read Luke 22:39-54** to begin your time together. *This series is all about encountering Jesus. So, as you read, instruct your group to imagine themselves at the scene. Place themselves there. Tell them to use their imaginations – what would they see? Hear? Smell? How would they feel as onlookers or bystanders?*

When you're finished reading, pause for a few brief moments and then re-read the text.

Once your second reading has finished, spend 2-3 minutes together in prayerful silence and ask your group to think about what God might want to reveal to them about the person of Jesus.

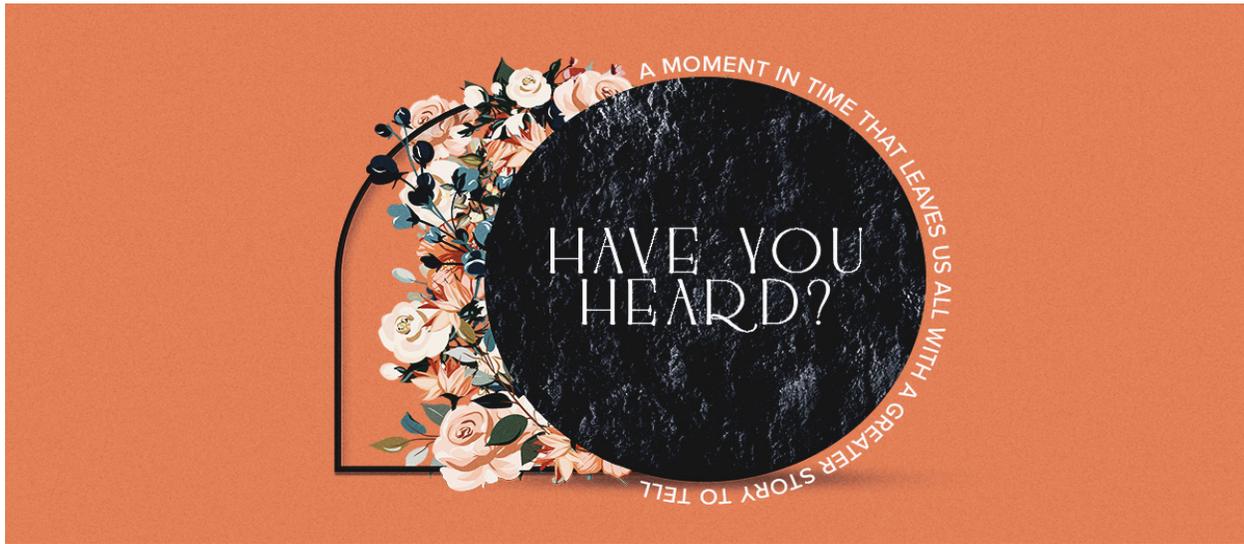
Ask your group, "What was imagining yourself in this story like for you?"

Then ask, "In what ways did this story deepen your faith in, love for, and regard for Jesus?"

Finally, to wrap up this opening portion, have a specified person in the group pray for your remaining time together.

**Split into triads and recap the sermon (30 minutes).**

- In your own words, describe what this past weekend's sermon was about.
- Who was Malchus? What stood out to you most from Malchus' story?
- If you were in Malchus' shoes, what would you have been thinking as Jesus healed you?
- In his sermon, Dan pointed out that, "Jesus trusted his Father in the most difficult situation to show us how to trust him in every situation." What situations are you in now where you need to exercise trust in Jesus?
- What would letting go and trusting look like for you? What's keeping you from trusting?
- Dan also mentioned how in this story we learn that, "Jesus' body was broken so we could be healed." In what ways do you need healing (emotional, physical, spiritual, etc.) right now?



- And finally, Dan mentioned how “Jesus was taken captive so we could be set free.” What do you need set free from right now?

**Re-gather as a large group and debrief your discussions together (20 minutes).**

- Go around your group and have each person share what stood out to them from your smaller group discussions.
- How did this sermon overall deepen your faith?
- Take a few moments to pause and reflect. Now, do you sense any invitations from God as a result of your time tonight? Is there something you need to trust him with? Is there a stronghold you need to let go of? Is there healing you need to ask for?

**Finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes).**

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone’s prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.