

Grow in confidence – with Luke's Gospel

MATERIAL for Life Groups and for Discipleship Triplets

16th Meeting **THEME: No guilt**

Prepare yourself, pray for your meeting. Read Luke 23:1-25.

20.00 – 20.05 **Icebreaker to begin with:** We all make misjudgements. Which one do you remember (and do you dare to share)?

20.05 – 20.10 **Pray** Ask God for His Holy Spirit to speak to you through His Word today.

20.10 – 20.35 **Bible passage** **Read: Luke 23:1-25**

Look again at verses 1 - 5 **Jesus' innocence established, judgement postponed**

- What charges are brought against Jesus? Were these charges the real charge they had against Jesus?

Look again at verses 6 – 16 **Jesus' innocence re-established; judgement announced**

- What strikes you in these verses?

Look again at verses 17/18 – 25 **Jesus' innocence again established – Jesus condemned; Barabbas released**

- Read Proverbs 17:15. How would God look at what happens here?

20.35 – 20.50 **Digging deeper: No guilt**

Though the whole process against Jesus was extraordinary unfair and unjust, however in this way the Scriptures were fulfilled (c. 22:37 / Is. 53). Around the cross it turns out that – put to the test - there is no one without guilt (see Rom. 3:9-19). To be ready for the final judgement and to be released from sin, we therefore need Jesus to save us from our sin. Only when his righteousness is given to us and when he takes our sins, our condemnation is taken away from us so that we are ready for the final judgement. We don't receive this righteousness by our efforts, as our merit, but as a free and gracious gift, through faith. About the surprising result you can read in Romans 5: 1-11.

Take some minutes of silence and ask this question: how does this message change you? Can you continue to sin that grace may abound?

20.50 – 21.00 **End** Share and end with prayer for each other.