

Unshaken: Confrontation. Endurance. Renewal.

Scripture: Matthew 27:1-26

Big Idea: We experience renewal because the only innocent One rescues us.

Questions for Connection (*Use these to help start conversations*)

1. Have you ever gone along with the crowd and regretted it?
2. If you had to choose someone in this group to represent you in a debate, who would you choose and why?

Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion that follows.

Read Matthew 27:1-26

1. How did you answer these questions from Thursday's Live It Out last week? Even our worst failures don't disqualify us from Jesus' mission. As you consider the setting, circumstances, and his words, what stood out to you about how Jesus restored Peter after his failure? What does this moment reveal about Jesus' heart toward those who have failed? Where is Jesus inviting you to step into his mission even after regret or failure?
2. In what ways do you see injustice driven by self-interest in the text? Do you have any examples where self-interest drove your motives? Has Jesus worked on this with you?
3. Jesus is innocent and doesn't try to defend himself. Is this natural for you? Share about a time when you came to your own defense when you were innocent. Is there a time you didn't speak up for your own defense?
4. Have you ever compromised your convictions because of pressure from others? Have you seen others compromise, and how did it affect your or others' relationship with this person?
5. Is there someone you need to show the grace and forgiveness that Jesus has shown you? Is there anyone in our lives that we need to invite into our group so they can experience his grace and forgiveness in a community?
6. Share where Jesus has brought renewal to a relationship in your life. Is there any relationship he might be guiding you toward renewal? Is there a part of your life that needs renewal right now? **Share and pray for each other.**

2RC Core Value – Relationally Connected

"We were made for relational connection with God and other people."

How can we, as a group, help each other move from guilt and shame toward repentance and renewal in Jesus?