

## ***Unshaken: Confrontation. Endurance. Renewal.***

**Scripture: Matthew 27:27-66**

**Big Idea: What looks like defeat is actually Jesus accomplishing renewal.**

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

1. What's a movie or show that had a twist in it that you didn't see coming?
2. If you could become an expert at something instantly, what would it be?

**Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you through the following questions.**

**Read Matthew 27:27-66**

1. Last Wednesday on Live It Out, you were asked these questions. Where are you currently tempted to choose what is safe over what is right? What would trusting Jesus look like for you in that situation? How did you answer these questions?
2. Think about all the people within Chapter 27. What have been your thoughts about some of them? How did God use them to fulfill his purposes?
3. Do you ever feel distant from or abandoned by God? Has there been a particular time in your life when you experienced this? How does this passage address that feeling of abandonment? What have you learned about the difference between what you feel and what is actually true?
4. Where or what in your life looks like defeat? Is Jesus doing something deeper than what you can see? What could that be? How do you find this encouraging?
5. Do you ever disqualify your suffering because you know that Jesus suffered more? How might Jesus be letting you know that he is with you in your suffering?
6. Talk about a time Jesus has brought renewal in your life. Where do you currently need renewal in your life? How can we come alongside each other to show hope when it's hard to see?

### **2RC Core Value – Relationally Connected**

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

**What would it look like for us to remind each other that God is still working, even when it doesn't look like it?**

**Before closing make sure you pray for each other.**