

# Lenten Mentor Discussion Sheet

Wednesday Service Week 5 – March 18th, 2026



## SHARE – Weekly Highs & Lows

Take turns sharing your Rose, Bud, and Thorn. **Rose:** a high of your week. **Bud:** something you are looking forward to. **Thorn:** a low from your week.

## READ – Overview of Worship

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”  
<sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

**John 18:33, 36–37**

**Beyond This World:** When Pilate asks Jesus if he is a king, Jesus says his kingdom is not of this world. In Greek the word for kingdom is *basileia* (βασιλεία), and it can refer both to a physical territory as well as the authority of the ruler. Jesus is showing us that the kingdom of God doesn't have royalty, or castles, or earthly treasures. Instead, Jesus is ushering in a kin-dom that goes beyond this world – one built around love instead of fear, equality instead of greed, and community instead of Kings.

## TALK – Diving into Discussion Questions

### Treading Water – Surface Level Questions

1. What are some parts of the High School Story that stood out to you?
2. How do you think Pilate felt when he was questioning Jesus? Why do you think Jesus didn't answer his questions directly?

### Snorkeling – Relational Questions

3. Who is a person you think listens to Jesus' voice today? How can you tell? How are their words or actions different from what is typical in our world?
4. What are some ways you help create a community of love and mutual support (the Kin-dom of God) in your own circles? How do you shine the light and love of Jesus?

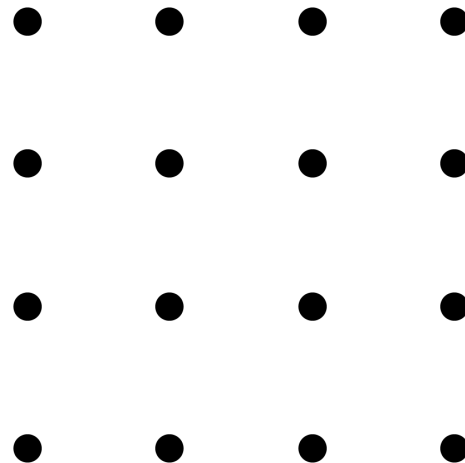
### Deep Dive – Reflective Questions

5. Pilate asks Jesus if he rules over one group of people, but Jesus talks about a kin-dom of equality, relationship, and community for all people. Which do you think is stronger in the long-run? Why?
6. What would a world without division look like? Why do you think we keep drawing lines?

## PLAY – Dots and Boxes

Players take turns in drawing lines between dots on a grid. If a player completes the fourth side of a box they initial that box and must draw another line. When all the boxes have been completed the winner is the player who has initialled the most boxes.

As you are drawing lines and claiming squares, in what ways could you connect this game to tonight's sermon?



## PRAY 🙏

Close your time together with a PTA Prayer. PRAISE - THANK - ASK. Pray with gratitude and thankfulness for your 'buds' and 'roses'. Ask for support and guidance with your 'thorns'.

## BLESS 😊

Close your time with a blessing or closing ritual.

**Sample blessing for this week:** Make the sign of the cross on the back of one another's hand or forehead saying, "May you shine the light and love of Jesus with joy this week!"

## VIBE CHECK-IN

Now is the time to "turn in" your conversation sheet by **scanning the QR code** and submitting a response to a form.

Thank you all for going BEYOND your comfort zones and spending time building up your faith as a community!

See you next week!

**March 18th**



Scan this to access the form!

You DO NOT need to turn this sheet in. Take the sheet with you each week in case those at home are curious about what you talked about!

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