

Sermon Study Guide



Something Worth Fighting For

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Reflect

In your life, what is something that you feel is worth fighting for? Why?

Read and Discuss

Scripture

John 18:28–19:16

Discussion Questions

Read John 18:28. In this passage where John recorded Jesus' trial before Pilate, we draw out three things that Jesus thought were things worth fighting for:

1. ***A spiritual purpose or cause (v. 18:28-36).***
Why did the Jews want to kill Jesus? In Jesus' private conversation with the governor, Pontius Pilate, what did Jesus say He was fighting for? Examine your heart. Do you agree with Jesus that He was right for fighting what He was fighting for? Why? How can you fight with Jesus in His battle? What are the ways you can fight for the cause of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to a dying people and a lost world?
2. ***A truth worth dying for (v. 18:37-40).***
What was the truth that Jesus talked about with Pilate? Do you personally understand what this truth is about? What are the usual or popular things that people debate or fight about these days? Are those debates worth dying for? Why is the truth that Jesus talked about worth dying for?
3. ***For the One who has all authority (v. 19:1-16).*** What did Pilate allow to happen to Jesus instead of releasing Him when he found out that Jesus didn't do anything

wrong? Why would Pilate do that? Give examples of when people (even Christians) had been willing to compromise their principles in order to do something self-serving. When and why do people usually use a person's name with the highest authority when dealing with others? In what ways are you fighting for the One who has all authority? Would you be willing to sacrifice for God as you engage this world?

Respond

In Walk: Are you willing to fight for your marriage, your kids, your finances, your job, your promotion, or your health? How about fighting for a spiritual purpose or cause, or for a truth worth dying for, or for the One who has all authority? How is Jesus the king of your life?

In Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You that my Lord Jesus was willing to fight for me, a sinner, when He allowed Himself to pay for the penalty of my sins. May You help me, Oh God, to learn to stand up for the truth regardless of the circumstances as I engage this world. May I always honor You over my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.