

WEEK TWELVE
THE TRUE VINE

SERMON NOTES

→ THE STORY OF **SIN**.

→ THE STORY OF THE **LAMB**.

→ THE STORY OF THE **CROSS**.

READING PLAN

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Jn 18:28-40	Jn 19:1-16	Jn 19:17-27	Jn 19:28-37	Jn 19:38-42

STUDY/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you believe modern society still experiences "guilt" and "shame?"
2. Read Isaiah 59:12-15. What are some ways that we sin manifest in ourselves? In our community? In our churches?
3. Read Isaiah 53:3-6. How does Isaiah speak of the role of God's ideal servant? How does the servant of God take away sin?
4. Read John 19:16-37. What are some things that surprise you about this familiar scene? Where do you see parallels between the crucifixion and Isaiah 53 (above)?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. How does Paul interpret the death of Jesus, and what does that mean for us?
6. If you're a believer, consider your own testimony. What was your life like before Jesus? How did you come to trust in Jesus? What is your life like now? How might you share your story with others?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

- Do you think guilt and shame are just in our heads? Why or why not?
- Are people today experience more guilt or less guilt than they have in the past?
- [For your kids] Do you ever feel guilty over things you've done? What do you do when you feel guilty?