

Message Outline
*Characters Leading to
the Cross: Pontius Pilate*
Matthew 27:11-26



Small Group Reflection Questions

(Please take time to ponder and pencil in
to prep for this week's small group session.)

Read: 2 Thessalonians 2-3

**From this passage, what do you notice about how
Christians are to live?*

Pilate's Background

**What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made
you laugh, learn, look deeper at life, etc.)?*

Trial of Jesus (v.11-18)

**Next week (Palm Sunday) begins Holy Week!
How would you explain Holy Week to a co-worker
asking you, "What's so 'holy' about this week?"*

Pilate's Wife's Dreams (v.19-20)

**Is there something you are particularly looking
forward to for Holy Week this year? And/or what's
one meaningful tradition you have around this
holiday season?*

Pilate Washing His Hands (v.21-26)

**Pilate's a person in a position of authority. Name
one authority figure you respect. Why do you
respect them?*

Pilate Post-Crucifixion (v.57-66)

**Pilate's wife had some advice he ignored, which
he probably later regretted. Is there any advice you
received that you regret for not following?*

**Name one positive influence of small groups on
your life this past year. (And don't forget to fill out
the year end evaluation!!!)*