



Homes of H.O.P.E. Prayer and Study Guide #2
Based on sermon: “Behold Your King!”
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Thank you for being willing to establish a “neighborhood watch” center in your home. The purpose of Homes of H.O.P.E. is primarily to get God’s people together to pray and encourage one another in our spiritual journey home.

Study of the Word is important, but not the primary focus of these gatherings. There should be sharing of testimonies and struggles, fellowship and plenty of prayer. Try not to let the gathering become another Sabbath School class—just a meeting of minds and not hearts. Use the following as a means of opening discussion and targeting issues to pray about. God bless your gathering.

Introduction

1. Read John 18:28-19:16 together as a group.
2. When Pilate said, “You are a king, then!” in 18:37, did he have any idea Who he was talking to?
3. Read Psalm 33:6; 90:2; Gen. 1:1-3; John 1:1-4; Col. 1:15-17 to get an insight into Who Jesus Is and Who Pilate was questioning.
4. Jesus is the “Star Breather.” Discuss what could have happened to Pilate and everyone around if Jesus didn’t hold back.
5. Read John 19:9, 10. What authority did Pilate really have in this situation?
6. What comfort do you personally receive from knowing that the One who “breathes stars” and weaves DNA, knows what you’re going through and carries you in His arms? (See Isa. 46:3, 4; 49:16)
7. Discuss this statement: “The Ceasars and Herods had nothing to worry about. Jesus was not there to depose His rivals. He was there to die for them, so they could live and reign with Him. Earthly kings kill their enemies to establish their thrones. This King dies for His enemies to establish His.”
8. Look up the following texts: Matt. 26:64; Rev. 1:7; 1 Thess. 4:16; Rev. 19:14-16. Then compare and contrast Jesus’ second coming with His first coming.
9. Consider John 19:14-16. How could the Jews make the choice they did? In what ways do we do the same? What will you do with Jesus this Christmas? Today?

Pray together about what the Holy Spirit has revealed with your group. Remind members of the 30-day prayer vigil. Make sure everyone has the prayer calendar.