



## PREPARATION

- IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT •

Put me on trial, Lord, and cross-examine me. Test my motives and my heart.

For I am always aware of your unfailing love, and I have lived according to your truth.

Psalm 26:2-3

## WORSHIP

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, so our land will be filled with his glory.

**Unfailing love and truth have met together.**

**Righteousness and peace have kissed!**

**Truth springs up from the earth,  
and righteousness smiles down from heaven.**

Psalm 85:9-11

## CONFESSION

For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions.

**These are not from the Father, but are from this world.**

And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

1 John 2:16-17

## MEDITATION John 18:33-37\*

**T**hen Pilate went back into his headquarters and called for Jesus to be brought to him. "Are you the king of the Jews?" he asked him.

Jesus replied, "Is this your own question, or did others tell you about me?"

"Am I a Jew?" Pilate retorted. "Your own people and their leading priests brought you to me for trial. Why? What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world."

### IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read Slowly, several times.

Reflect What does the text say?

Respond How does it relate to my life?

Rest I welcome God's healing and renewal.

Pilate said, "So you are a king?"

Jesus responded, "You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth.

All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true."

## ANCHORING PRAYER

*You are my King, You are the Truth.*

## REVIEW OF THE HEART

*How have I transmitted God's truth to others?*

*When God speaks to me, what do I have difficulty accepting?*

## WISDOM

During the reigns of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed or conquered. It will crush all these kingdoms into nothingness, and it will stand forever. Daniel 2:44

Christ died and rose again for this very purpose—to be Lord both of the living and of the dead. Romans 14:9

But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. Those people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them. But we belong to God, and those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception. 1 John 4:4-6

As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed. Daniel 7:13-14

TESTIMONY *What is God saying today?*

INTERCESSION *For the Church—for others—for me.*

## BENEDICTION

**Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I  
may live according to your truth!  
Grant me purity of heart, so that I  
may honor you.**

• Amen •

Psalm 86:11

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and guidance.

Speak, act, and serve from a listening heart.