

MOVING FORWARD WITH OUR FAITH

Luke 23:13-25
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INTRO:

1. A lost chance
2. A lost character

A. THE CONDITION OF MOVING FORWARD

1. Be unmoved with conviction (v. 4, 6, 14, 20, 22)
2. Be undeterred with courage (v. 4-5, 18, 23)
3. Be uncompromising with godly choices (v. 24-25)

B. THE CONCENTRATION OF MOVING FORWARD

1. Faith (Matthew 6:33)
2. Focus (2 Timothy 3:1-5, 14-16)
3. Family (Hebrews 11:7)
4. Fitness (1 Corinthians 9:27; 3 John 1:2)
5. Finances (2 Corinthians 9:9-11)

CONCLUSION:

Declaring The Year of Moving Forward
(Joel 2:12-13, 18-19, 21-25)

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Icebreaker. A research conducted by Microsoft traced the things we have lost during the pandemic. It includes our social capital—the asset of collaboration and communication. We have also lost our sense of creativity, the control of our calendar, a sense of balance, our physical and mental health and also our focus. Among the worst are the record number of opportunities we have lost because of the uncertainty brought by the pandemic. What are some of the things you have lost during the pandemic?
2. Pontius Pilate is an interesting character that was so close in being part of the picture of those who gave their hearts to Christ along with the penitent thief, Joseph of Arimathea, Simon of Cyrene and the Roman centurion. Reading from Luke 23:13-25, how did Pontius Pilate fail?
3. In the passage, we will find Pontius Pilate being a discerning student of the law found no grounds for Jesus to be executed, and yet he caved in on the people's demands. How can we develop a deep conviction in a world that has constantly diluted the truth?
4. Luke 23:23 reads, *“But the mob shouted louder and louder, demanding that Jesus be crucified, and their voices prevailed.”* Today, the mob could be our culture, media, and wrong influence that prevails the voice of the Holy Spirit in our conscience. How can believers today hear more of the voice of God rather than the madness of the crowd?
5. By giving in to the voices of the crowd, Pontius Pilate thought it would give him a political advantage in his career. In the end, what did Pontius Pilate lose?
6. Read Joel 2:12-13, 18-19, 21-25. Share to the group how you can “Move Forward” in the area of your faith, focus, family, fitness and finances.
7. Pray for one another and remember the picture of each of their dream for the year 2022.