SERMON NOTES 4.05.20

John 19	Trent Thompson
The Cross & Times of Trial	

## Two things that stand out in John's retelling of the cross:

- 1. God planned the cross.
- 2. Sin is serious.

## How do I apply a cross centered mind to this pandemic?

- 1. This is a time for courageous service not giving in to fear.
- 2. This is a time for confession, repentance, prayer, and fasting.
- 3. This is a time for lament and grief.

- 1. What stood out to you from the sermon/text?
- 2. What do you do to fight against fear when you feel it rising in your heart? What help do you need from your LifeGroup to help you fight fear daily?
- 3. What are some ways we can choose to make decisions based on love of God and neighbor rather than fear during this time?
- 4. The cross, and seasons like this one, call us to pay attention to hidden areas of sin in our lives. Are there any choices you are making that you need to confess to your LifeGroup? How does being received with grace and love, when we confess, change us?
- 5. What are ways we can lament and grieve in this season?

## Challenge Verse

Each week we want to challenge you to memorize 1 verse from our teaching passage. This week's verse is: *John 19:1-3* 

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. 2 And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. 3 They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands.