

Bible Study: Jesus' Leadership within First Century Culture

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1. Welcome and check-in
2. Read the text
3. What interpretations have we heard, felt, believed, or thought about this text?
4. Put those interpretations away
5. Read the text again
6. What words/practices/people deserve our attention in light of
 - a. The writer and the writer's community
 - b. The narrative context (how it fits within the whole writing)
 - c. The social/daily life/economic/political world of the first century
 - d. The Jewish theological/political context
8. What don't we know?
9. Based on this text, how might Jesus challenge, change, or agree with parts of our own context? Where was Jesus leading? Where is Jesus leading?

Prayer