



FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION

MOCKED AND INSULTED

(LUKE 22:63-65)

1 CHOOSE AN IMAGE

Think of a time when you have witnessed or experienced an abuse of power. Choose *one image* that comes closest to capturing what you experienced.

2 REFLECT | *Ask some or all of these questions, depending on your context and timeframe*

- Using the image you chose, share about your experience with the group.
- As you tell about this experience, what emotions do you have, and why?
- What is your best guess for what motivated the abuse you witnessed?
- Can a person ever “get over” abuse they’ve experienced? Why or why not?

3 READ THE SCRIPTURE

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?” They kept heaping many other insults on him.

-Luke 22:63-65

4 REFLECT | *Ask some or all of these questions, depending on your context and timeframe*

- Which image best helps you capture the depth of this passage, and why?
- Jesus was silent and alone in the face of abuse—what was the purpose of His silence?
- When you have experienced abuse of any kind, what must happen before you can forgive your abuser?
- What help or support have you found in Jesus when you’ve felt mistreated or abused?