

SERMON OUTLINE John 13:18-30

One of You Will Betray Me

JUDAS'S BETRAYAL

Jesus Chose Judas Even though He Knew Judas would Betray Him (18)

Jesus Chose Judas to Fulfill Scripture and Strengthen Faith (18-19)

Sending and Receiving (20)

Betrayal Still Stings Even When We Know God's Will and Believing in the Goodness of God's Will (21)

The Disciples Didn't Know Who Jesus Was Talking About (22-25, 27-29)

1. *The appearance of godliness is not the same as godliness.*
2. *Humility recognizes that it is God's grace alone that ends and prevents our betrayal.*

Satan Entered Judas (26-27)

It Was Night (30)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this passage is that Jesus knew that Judas would betray Him, yet He chose him anyway for the glory of God and the good of His people. And from that, we ought to earnestly seek the Spirit's help to fight for humility, perseverance, and a tight tethering to the Word of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Have you had any experience with betrayal? Why do you think it cuts deeper than most other things?
3. Can you imagine a scenario in which you would willfully agree to be betrayed?
4. Can you recall any specific ways your faith has been strengthened by Jesus fulfilling a promise (in the Bible or in your own life)?
5. Have you ever been tempted to either pretend someone's sin didn't hurt or respond to your hurt in sinful ways?
6. Does it seem to you like it should be easy to recognize when Satan "enters" someone? How does this passage change that?
7. What do you make of the fact that God chose to use Judas's betrayal and cooperation with Satan to bless the world?
8. Have you ever considered that we have all betrayed God in Judas-like fashion?
9. Have you ever felt like "it was night" in your life?
10. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

11. What is one thing you have done or intend to do differently as a result of this text/sermon?
12. Pick up a good book (like Kevin DeYoung's, [The Biggest Story](#)) to help you understand the whole story of the Bible better.
13. Make a list of the OT passages claimed in John's Gospel. Share that list at your DG.
14. If there's an area in your life in which you have lingering hurt, share that with someone and ask them to pray with you.
15. Identify a teaching of Jesus that you are not doing, or something you're doing that isn't tied to Jesus teaching. Repent.
16. Apologize to anyone whose trust you have broken. Forgive anyone who has broken your trust.
17. Start, continue, or restart your Bible reading plan (ask someone if you don't have one) and check-in on someone else..
18. Spend some time meditating on 1 Corinthians 4:4 this week.
19. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
20. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

PRAYER POINTS

21. Adoration. Praise God for being sovereign over all things. Praise God that He is light. Praise God that there is no darkness in Him. Praise God for knowing all things. Praise God for being the author of the greatest story.
22. Confess. Confess any ways you have chosen to align yourself with the devil instead of God. Confess any ways you've betrayed someone or wrongly responded to being betrayed. Confess any hypocrisy in your life.
23. Thanksgiving. Thank God that He has a good purpose for every betrayal, everyone of His people will endure. Thank God for keeping all His promises. Thank God for putting "bread crumbs of grace" throughout our lives. Thank God for using Judas's betrayal for the greatest good. Thank God for your elders who are keeping watch for wolves.
24. Supplication. Ask God to make us humble. Ask God to help us recognize any wolves among us. Ask God to protect us from all that would turn our eyes away from Jesus. Ask God to make us faithful.