

PEOPLE OF PASSION: JUDAS

· All In Group Discussion Guide ·
Week of February 25

SCRIPTURES

Matthew 26:14-16, 20-25

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, 'What will you give me if I betray him to you?' They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.' And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, 'Surely not I, Lord?' He answered, 'The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.' Judas, who betrayed him, said, 'Surely not I, Rabbi?' He replied, 'You have said so.'

Matthew 26:44-50

So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.' At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him. Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Opening Questions:

What is one thing you are passionate about that might surprise others? What are some of the best friendships you've had in your life? What made them so good?"

Questions:

1. Is friendship something that is important for our lives? Why or why not?
2. Jesus chose 12 friends to follow him during his ministry. Why do you think he did that?
3. Today's sermon topic is betrayal. How would you define betrayal? Is this something we talk and think about much? Why or why not?
4. In his sermon, Josh wonders what we are to do with betrayal. Can we forgive those who've betrayed us? Can we be forgiven for betraying others? What do you think?
5. Did you learn anything new about Judas in this sermon? If so, what?
6. Jesus calls Judas friend. What does that mean to you?

Closing Question & Application:

What did God say to you during the conversation today?

How might you live out that learning this week?

Prayer:

Offer this prayer. Leader you ask the folks to repeat after you.

"Jesus, our friend.

Help us to love our enemies.

Release us from the pangs of betrayal.

And even when we cannot forgive.

Forgive in our place."

