

The Betrayer

Pastor Jeff Bucknam | John 13:18–30

NOTE: As a guide, use these questions to help with group and family discussion or for personal reflection. Not all questions are needed. Select the ones that will best serve your group as you grow in Christ together through His Word. *Soli Deo Gloria*.

For a brief recap, The Sermon's Title was: **The Betrayer**

Main Points were:

- (1) Their Betrayal is Deeply Troubling; (2) Jesus Knows Who They Are, but We Usually Don't;
- (3) Jesus Continues to Invite Them Home; (4) They are Influenced by Satan Despite Their Closeness to Jesus;
- (5) They are Ultimately Headed to Outer Darkness if They Persist in Betrayal

Ice Breaker

What was the best part of your week?

Understanding the Text in Context

Jesus has just said, "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them" (13:17). Then he says, "I am not speaking of all of you" (13:18). Who is the blessing to, then? What does that mean in light of the foot washing from the previous passage?

Jesus already knows who will betray him, yet John says he was troubled in his spirit (13:21). If this is not a surprise, what is weighing on him? Think about past times Jesus has been troubled, or felt something in his spirit.

Connecting to Jesus and His Gospel

Take into account all Jesus has done for Judas in this passage. If Christ is this hospitable to Judas,

knowing what he is about to do, how should this affect the way we think God interacts with us when we feel we have betrayed Him?

Living Out the Truth

What's one practical way you can keep yourself from drifting?

Do you know anyone who has wandered away from Jesus? If so, how can you be praying for them and loving them best this week?

Parenting Moment and Family Focus

Pray together with your kids, your spouse, or together as a family for someone who has played the role of betrayer in your life.

- Pray for the ability to forgive
- Pray this is not the end of their story
- If they don't know Jesus, pray they would come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ
- Pray God would remove this type of behavior from their life
- Pray that God would heal the heart hurt by the sting of betrayal, and take comfort knowing Jesus experienced the same thing

Further Study

Listen and read. <https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/why-did-jesus-choose-judas>

In your John Study Journals, look ahead to next week's sermon.