

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of April 7, 2024

One of the best things you can do after hearing truths from the Word of God is to talk about them with others. Here are some questions to help get the conversation started. (hint: the first couple of questions are meant to “break the ice” and get people talking)

- What has been one of the most rewarding investments you have made with your time or money?
- What has been one of the most disappointing investments you have made with your time or money?
- Why is it that the deepest disappointments we experience do not revolve around investments with time or money that go bad, but in relationships that go bad?
- Read Matthew 26:46-50. What is it about the story of Judas’ betrayal that stands out the most to you?
- Josh said, “When we are betrayed, just as much as we need comfort, we need warning because betrayal can start a downward spiral.” How do you see this happening in Matthew 26:51 and 26:56?
- We talked about three dangers in betrayal: retaliation, retreat, and bitterness. Which of these is the most difficult for you?
- Read Hebrews 12:15 and talk about that verse and this statement: “Betrayal embraced leads to bitterness embodied.”
- Read Matthew 26:52-54 and talk about that passage and these statements: “Betrayal has purpose.” “What looked like betrayal was actually deliverance in disguise” “The beauty of the sovereignty of God is that He not only redeems our sin, but He also redeems our pain.”
- Read this statement aloud and then talk about it: Think about this for a second. Jesus knew. He goes into that room with His disciples. He knows He is going to be betrayed. He knows it is Judas who will turn against him. He knows that He has been sold out for a handful of silver. Stabbed in the back by one He has poured His life into. Yet, in that room, hours before the death of Jesus, Judas ate too. Jesus fed Judas too. Jesus prayed for Judas too. Jesus washed Judas’ feet too. I struggle to fathom that kind of love. A love that would feed the mouth that deceived you. A love that would wash the treasonous feet of the traitor. A love that could forgive even the vilest of betrayals. I honestly struggle to comprehend it. And then, suddenly, I realize that I’m Judas. And in that moment, I’m so thankful & altogether overwhelmed that Judas ate too.
- Take some time to pray together.

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