
GROUP DISCUSSION

The Day Before the Day
John 13:18-38, Pastor Lance Ainsworth
February 8th & 11th, 2024
A new benchmark.

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What is the best meal you have ever eaten?

Read Aloud: John 13:18-38

1. v. 21 “When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit.” In today’s message we see the human nature of Jesus being “troubled” or distraught from the betrayal of Judas. The betrayal of a close friend or family member can bring an immense amount of emotional pain. Can you relate to Jesus in this way? What happens to us spiritually/emotionally when we face betrayal? How can we let God heal our wounds of betrayal? What happens if we don’t heal?

2. v. 27 “After the morsel, Satan then entered into him. Therefore Jesus said to him, “What you do, do quickly.” Judas had the best example, witnessed miracles, and listened to the most excellent teachings, but did not accept Jesus as Lord. What does this mean for us? Does proximity equal transformation? What is the difference between a spectator and a participator? Which one are you?

3. v. 34-35 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” The old commandment was to love your neighbor as yourself, but now Jesus ups the benchmark to love others as He has loved us. Is this possible? What makes it possible? Is being able to love each other like Jesus a miracle? How is this a sign to not yet believers?

4. v. 38 “Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times.” Read John 21:15-17. What lesson did Peter learn from denying Jesus? What can we learn from Peter’s denial and restoration?