

Title: Unexpected Revelations

Big Idea: You don't know what is inside until it is tested.

John 13:18 "I do not speak concerning all of you.

18 b I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.'

1. Pain may be part of the plan.

19 Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am *He*. **20** Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

Psalms 41:10 But You, O LORD, be merciful to me, and raise me up, That I may repay them. 11 By this I know that You are well pleased with me, Because my enemy does not triumph over me.

21 When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." **22** Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke.

23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. **24** Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke. **25** Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?" **26** Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, *the son of Simon*.

Matthew 26:25 Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."

27 Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." **28** But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. **29** For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy *those things* we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. **30** Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

2. Resist the light & you will embrace the dark.

31 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. **32** If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately.

3. When it gets dark, focus on God's glory.

33 Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. **34** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **35** By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Discussion Questions

Look over these questions before your group time. Write down your answers or ideas for at least a few questions if not all. You may not get to every question during your time, but speak up if you want to talk about one of them in particular. Always try to start with question #1.

1. What stood out to you and/or what do you think God might be speaking about from this message?
2. Why do you think Jesus was so clear about the coming betrayal?
3. Is there an area of life where pain has been part of your growth or development? Did you lean on the Lord or do you wish you would have?
4. Why do you think it is tempting for some people to find an identity in being a victim?
5. What about Judas's betrayal process speaks as a warning to you?
6. How does receiving God's love help us to show His love to others?