

# MIRRORS IN THE UPPER ROOM

John 13:21-38

## From Pastor Mark

What an intense scene! Having just washed the disciples' feet, Jesus dismissed Judas and warned Peter. In between those, he gave all His followers a new commandment to love as He loved. In the process, we are called to look honestly at the reflections of ourselves as the Holy Spirit invites us to see ourselves and be changed.

### I. First Mirror: ARE WE GENUINE DISCIPLES (OR NOT)? (13:21-30)

- A. A False Disciple May Be Close to Christ (21a, 18).
- B. A False Disciple Is Known to Christ (21, John 6:70-71).
- C. A False Disciple May Fool Others (22-25, 28-29; note details of an eyewitness).
- D. A False Disciple Is Appealed to by Christ (26).
- E. God is Sovereign in Spite of a False Disciple (27-30).

### II. Second Mirror: ARE WE LOVING DISCIPLES? (13:31-35)

- A. The Glory of Christ (31-32)
- B. The New Command of Christ (33-35)
  1. Its Setting (33)
  2. Its Standard (34; 1 John 2:7-11, 3:23-24)
  3. Its Sway (35)

### III. Third Mirror: ARE WE LOYAL DISCIPLES? (13:36-38)

- A. Peter's Attachment (36-37a)
- B. Peter's Overconfidence (37b)
- C. Peter's Misunderstanding (38a)
- D. Jesus' Warning (38b)

## MEET YOURSELF IN THE UPPER ROOM:

- The Mirror of Genuineness: Are you a genuine Disciple?
- The Mirror of Love: Is your love for other disciples Christ-like and real?
- The Mirror of Loyalty: Are you humbly depending of Christ to make you faithful to Him?

**FOR NEXT TIME:** Pray for the Marriage Conference and pray for Guest Speaker Stuart Scott.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2023

1. Read John 13:21-30. What did you learn about Judas from today's message.
2. What lesson or what encouragement can we learn from thinking about Judas?
3. Read John 13:31-35. Why does Satan attack Christian unity seek to cause rifts in our love for one another?
4. How could your or your Life Group grow in practical "love for one another"?
5. How can "love for one another" in a marriage or in a family provide a strong witness to unbelievers?
6. Read John 13:36-38. What lesson can we learn from Peter's overconfidence?

7. Of the 3 “mirrors” (genuineness, love, loyalty) which is currently most convicting to you and why?
8. Pray for the IBC Marriage Conference this Friday and Saturday. Encourage your Life Group to attend and consider even sitting together as a Life Group.