



Small Group

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22 niv

SUMMARY

This week in Adam Calabrese’s teaching, *God’s Sovereignty Over Evil*, we looked at John 13:18-30. Judas’ decision to betray Jesus had been conceived and put into motion. It stemmed from a lack of belief, a lack of moral character, and a series of poor choices he had made. Jesus was not caught off guard, but rather, He knew of the coming betrayal and spoke this truth to His disciples.

1. **Judas associated with Christ but never repented in heart to Christ.**
 - Define the term *Cultural Christianity*.
 - Define the word *Repentance*.
 - Where do you see any overlap of these two definitions when it relates to people in our culture today? How about in the Bible?
2. **Judas lacked transparency and vulnerability.**
 - What do you look for in a person before you’ll be vulnerable with them about your hopes? Your past? Your current struggles with sin?
 - Do you have someone in your life who knows your ENTIRE story? How did that relationship establish itself?

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3. **The Lord saw Judas as he really was.**
 - Has there been a time in your life when you believed you could hide your sin from the Lord? How did the Lord tell/show you otherwise?
4. **The Lord is sovereign, and Jesus draws near to our pain, and purposes it.**
 - If Jesus is both acquainted with and sympathizes in our pain, why do we struggle with handing it over to Him?
 - What could the Lord be purposing in the painful trial you’re currently experiencing?
 - What one thing this week do you need to hand over to Jesus?

PRAYER

We’d move beyond having association with Christ and into a more full relationship with transparency, vulnerability, and repentance with Him.

