

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (John 13:21-38)

1. As you consider your own life, have you ever been betrayed by somebody else or betrayed another person?
What was the situation and how did you respond?
How does the Gospel impact our response in either of these situations?
How does the betrayal spoken of in this passage provide perspective for us when we face betrayal?
(Consider Jesus' actions/response - how can we learn from Him here?)
2. Read verse 21
What about "these things" that Jesus said resulted in Jesus being "deeply troubled in his spirit..."?
Why is Jesus being "deeply troubled in his spirit" an important revelation for us?
What does this reveal about the nature of Jesus?
Why is Jesus' full humanity just as critical as His full divinity? (Think about the atonement)
(look at Hebrews 4:14-16 for some help here).
Why is this an important detail to include in this passage?
3. As the interaction plays out setting up Judas, why is it important to see the timing of when Satan actually enters Judas?
What happens BEFORE Satan enters Judas, and what role does Judas play in Satan's ability to enter into him like that?
What level of culpability does Judas have in his betrayal of Christ?
(If it helps, consider The Fall recorded in Genesis 3:
- what culpability to Adam and Eve have for their sins, even though they were tempted by Satan?)
What does Jesus say to Judas after Judas determines to betray Him?
Even in the midst of his betrayal, how does Judas respond to the words of Jesus?
What does Judas' response to Jesus reveal about the authority of Jesus?
How does this all reveal the inability for the Devil to thwart the plans of the Lord?
Does this encourage you at all in the midst of your own circumstances in life?
4. Jesus gives a new commandment to the disciples in verses 34 & 35
What is significant about this new commandment from the Lord, and how does it differ from all previous commandments?
What does Jesus appeal to as the measure and kind of love that we ought to show?
Who is the object of our love as outlined in this command?
What is the outcome of us loving this way (i.e. what does it reveal to the world)?
Most importantly - how can we grow in this (better apply The Word to live out this commandment faithfully)?
Consider this command in light of 1 Cor. 13:4-8 - how are we doing in this?
Are there any conversations that you need to have in order to better love a brother or sister in Christ?
What specific steps is the Lord calling you take to walk more closely with Him and live out this command?

5. How does the interaction between Jesus and Peter reflect the nature of both men?

What specifically do Jesus' proclamations (prophetic as they are) reveal about Himself?

How do Peter's words reveal both sincerity & short-sightedness?

What can we take away from this interaction?

What differentiates Judas' betrayal of Jesus and Peter's denial of Jesus?

How does Judas' story serve as a warning to us?

How does Peter's story serve as an encouragement to us?

(You might have to read ahead to what actually takes place in John 18 & 21 to fully grasp the encouragement).

6. Below is the "So What?" statement from the end of the sermon.

Does this encourage, convict, exhort, and challenge, you - and if so, how?

1. How we love one another is the evidence to those around us that we are disciples of Jesus!