

Love in the midst of betrayal
For the week of April 7 – 13

Big Question for the week: How do you bring the love of Christ into the places of betrayal, denial and loss in your life?

Day 1: John 13:18 – 30

Two questions to ponder:

How do we see the theme of darkness appear?

How do you process Jesus' treatment of Judas? (especially as you think of those who have betrayed you)

Day 2: Luke 22:31 – 34 & John 13:31 – 38

Two questions to ponder:

How do we see how just how incredibly destructive Satan's work is in trying to disrupt Jesus'?

What do Jesus' comments demonstrate about the power dynamics between Satan and Jesus?

Day 3: John 13:34 – 35; Matthew 22:37 – 39; Leviticus 19:18

Three questions to ponder:

Is this really a *new* command? In what ways might it be 'new' for the disciples?

How would the Pharisees interact with this command to love first and above all else?

How do we?

Day 4: Matthew 27:1 – 10

Three questions to ponder:

What do these verses tell us about Judas?

How should we think and feel about him today?

What might we learn from the chief priests response versus how Jesus might have responded? (read Luke 23:42 – 43)

Day 5: John 13:34 – 35

Two question to ponder:

When have Christians shown love that demonstrates Christ?

When have you helped others see you as Jesus' disciple through your hard-fought love?

Prayer: That we might love as He loves.