

SESSION 1: The Tragic Traitor (John 12–13; Matthew 26:14-16)

- 1. What does the name Judas mean? And what are the possible meanings of the name Iscariot?
- 2. What information did the Gospel writers constantly attach to Judas' name? Why did they do it?
- 3. What are the 3 aspects of Judas' preparation to betray Jesus?
- 4. There are at least 3 acts of Jesus that never stop reaching out and having mercy on Judas. What are those?

CONSIDER:

- 1. Which areas of my life are vulnerable against feelings of inadequacy, disappointment in God, and the temptations of Satan?
- 2. What should I do with the help of the Holy Spirit **to protect these** areas?

SESSION 2: A Betrayal That Ended Terribly (Matthew 26:47-50; 27:3-10)

- 1. Who was involved in the arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane?
- 2. What are the 3 things that Judas "smeared" through his betrayal?
- 3. What do Peter and Saul have in common in their response (which ironically sets them apart from Judas)?

- 4. What are 2 practical lessons from the story of Judas that we can receive?

CONSIDER:

- 1. When was the last time I was honest with myself, and asked: **why did God choose me**?
- 2. Do I see Judas in me; but most importantly, **do I still see the faithful** love of the Father to restore me back?