



**Week 21**  
**Discussion Questions**

**Text:** John 13:21-38

Icebreaker: If you had to define/describe "love" in only three words, what would they be?

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out from the text or sermon?
2. In John 13:34-35, Jesus tells his disciples he is giving them a new commandment. Look back at Leviticus 19:18 and 19:34 and discuss what makes this a "new commandment" from Jesus.
3. How should we define "love" with Christ as our example? In this case, what does it mean to love others as Christ loved us?
4. Assess the actions of Jesus' disciples in these verses. What is considered a faithful disciple of Jesus and what is considered betrayal of Jesus?
5. Both Judas and Peter will betray Jesus, and ultimately, we all betray him in one way or another. What difference do you see between Peter and Judas' betrayal and the ending of both their stories?
6. Judas was one of Jesus' twelve disciples, was in close proximity to Jesus' for a significant amount of time, and witnessed all the signs Jesus performed throughout his ministry. What does Judas' story reveal to us about what it means to follow Jesus?
7. What does Jesus' knowledge about Judas' and Peter's actions reveal about his character?
8. What does it look like to recognize God's complete sovereignty and simultaneously hold Judas (and ourselves) accountable for his actions?
9. What has betrayal of Jesus looked like in your own life? What hope do you have in Jesus in the midst of that betrayal?
10. What keeps you from laying your life down for the Lord as he has done for you?
11. John 13:35 says, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Sometimes loving others is difficult because it always requires sacrifice. Who comes to mind when you think of someone difficult to love and what would it look like to lay yourself down to love them despite that?
12. Reflect on your own experiences in life. What difference has the love of Jesus made in your life, whether through his life or through his love in others toward you?