

Final Encounters?

Week 2 Lifegroup Questions

JUDAS

- Icebreaker: What words come to mind when you think about Judas Iscariot?
- *Read John 13:18-30*, what sort of feelings come to mind as you read John's account of the Last Supper? How might you have reacted had you been at the meal? What reason does Jesus give for telling the disciples ahead of time that one of them was going to betray him?
- *Read Matthew 26:20-25*, what is significant about Judas' response to Jesus compared to the other disciples?
- Judas struggled to see Jesus as the Lord of his life, what sort of things prevent us from viewing Jesus as our Lord and master? Why is it so important that we have the correct view of Jesus?
- What do you think John means when he writes '*As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.*'? (John 13:27, also see Luke 22:3 & John 13:2) Was Judas in control of his actions?
- *Read Ephesians 4:27-28*, how might these words of Paul be applied to Judas? (see John 12:4-6) What other ways do we give the devil a foothold in our lives? How can we ensure that we don't leave ourselves open to attack from the enemy?
- In what way does Jesus demonstrate his love for Judas in John 13? How do you think Jesus would have reacted if Judas had confessed to his wrongdoing? Try to give specific reasons for your answer.
- Read 1 John 1:5-10, on Sunday Dan suggested that John might have had Judas in mind as he wrote these words, do you agree? Why/Why not? What promises do these verses hold for us?
- In the end Judas saw no way back to Jesus and took his own life (Matthew 27:1-10). What sort of things prevent us from turning back to Jesus when we have sinned? What can we do about them?