



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
R O C H E S T E R

Growth Group Discussion Guide
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Refresh

Read John 13:18-30 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

Discuss

How do verses 18-20 display the deity of Christ and His relationship to the Father?

Have you ever been betrayed by someone close to you? How did that make you feel? How did you work through that situation spiritually and emotionally?

Jesus tells the disciples of the impending betrayal by Judas, though in vague terms, so that the disciples would later know that this was predetermined by God. Discuss how believers might wrestle through understanding the relationship between these two aspects of this story: (1) the providence of God to predetermine Judas' betrayal, and (2) the sinful action by Judas. In other words, how can God predetermine sinful acts while being perfectly just, and how is man still fully responsible for his sinful actions that God predetermined in eternity past?

Jesus wanted His disciples to know that they need not let Judas' betrayal shake their faith. Why are we tempted to lose faith when others around us, especially professing believers, fail us or deny true Biblical doctrine? How can we steady our hope in God, rather than man?

How is it possible that one could be so close to Jesus and yet betray him? How might this reality serve as a warning for us?

What should Judas have done when first tempted to betray Jesus? How should this inform our first response to temptation?

