

# **HOMEWORK**

APRIL 25, 2021

COME AND SEE | WHEN JESUS' FOLLOWERS DISAPPOINT  
JOHN 13:18-38

**Note to Leaders:** Every group is different, please choose the questions that relate best to your particular group from each section below.

## **WORK AHEAD | HOW CAN I COME PREPARED FOR MY GROUP?**

1. Read John 13:18-38.
2. How does Jesus' command in verse 34 connect to what He did in John 13:1-17?
3. Look over your message notes. What was surprising or insightful? What questions were raised?
4. If time allows, look ahead at the "Digging In" section and think through how you would contribute to your group discussion.

## **FOR STARTERS | THOUGHTS TO GET US ON THE SAME PAGE**

1. How many movies can you think of where there's a shocking betrayal? (If you're stumped, [google can help](#)).
2. Go around the group: what words or phrases pop into your mind when you think of Jesus' command to "love one another"?

## **DIGGING IN | DISCOVERING WHAT GOD SAYS IN SCRIPTURE**

1. Loving One Another Well
  - a. In this passage Jesus commands His followers to love one another. Read the passages below and talk about what Christian love looks like...
    - ...emotionally (Romans 12:15, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7)
    - ...practically (Acts 4:32, Romans 12:13)
    - ...spiritually (Galatians 6:1, James 5:16)
    - ...in dealing with conflict (Ephesians 4:25-32, 2 Timothy 2:22-23)
    - ...in honoring minorities (1 Corinthians 12:23-26, James 2:1-9)

- b. How have you seen Jesus' love lived out by people in your group? Take some time to affirm and encourage one another.
- c. How does love within the church affect those outside the church according to Jesus in John 13:34-35? Does anyone have an example of what this process looks like in real life? Share it with the group.

## 2. Love When There's Betrayal

- a. Read Psalm 41:9; 55:12-14 and Matthew 10:21.
- b. According to these passages, what should Christians expect when it comes to betrayal?
- c. Read Psalm 89:33, 118:8 and Jeremiah 17:5-8. How does God's faithfulness help us respond to those who betray us?
- d. How does the fact that Jesus experienced the betrayal of a friend comfort and strengthen you in your own story of betrayal?

## BRINGING IT HOME | APPLYING WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

### Personal Reflection

- 1. Who is hard to love right now? What would it look like to move toward them with the sincere love of Jesus?
- 2. Is there anyone who has wronged you that you have stopped loving? What would it look like to love them as Christ has loved you?

### Group Application

- 1. Have each person talk about how they can practically demonstrate the love of Christ to another believer this week. Write these ideas down and follow up next time you meet to see how it went.

## DIGGING DEEPER | IDEAS TO KEEP GROWING DURING THE WEEK

- 1. Hosea is a prophetic example of God's broken-hearted love for His people when they betray and deny Him. Take some time to read and meditate on this powerful story this week.
- 2. The Church is to look like a family who has "crazy love" for one another. Francis Chan unpacks what this looks like in [this powerful message](#).