

Discussion Guide for Love & Betrayal: Part 1

1. Read John 13:12-20 and then briefly review the sermon outline. (Outline review target time is five minutes or less.)

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear, or troubling?

2. Truth: Jesus powerfully demonstrated that doing the will of God is worth it, even if it means that we have to stand alone. The greatest enemy of this kind of faithfulness is fear of man.

Read John 12:42-43

What was at stake for these silent believers?

How did the fear of man cripple these silent believers?

How do you see similar pressures at work in our secular culture?

What is your greatest fear when it comes to "standing alone"?

Proverbs 29:25 says "The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe."

How have you seen this sneaky trap catch you off guard?

Read Luke 12:4-9

Why do you think Jesus comes on so strong in 12:4-5?

What is Jesus' encouragement for faithfulness in 12:6-9?