



Small Group MEMBER Sermon Guide

May 6-7, 2017 | Pastor Jamie Rasmussen

Betrayal | John 13:21-30

APPLICATION EXERCISE/PUTTING YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

Before we begin this week's lesson:

Last week's Nudge report: Anything you did with last week's commitment around "forgiveness." A person you need to forgive, or a situation that involves your forgiveness.

Pray for today's session

GETTING TO KNOW ME - (Betrayal)

-How do you define the word "betrayal?"

-What examples of betrayal are you aware of or that you've experienced?

-Webster's Definition: *(Betrayal) to fail in the time of need.*

With that definition, betrayal, is a common every day occurrence with wide variances of what betrayal looks like in action - from simple failures to gross intentional betrayal.

- How can our betrayals, at *any* level, make a MESS of things on multiple levels?

- i. A betrayal occurs whenever there is a **breach** of **trust**.
In our human condition, we don't know there is a breach until it occurs.

-What are some of our responses when we find out trust has been breached?

INTO THE BIBLE: Jesus knew the betrayal would happen before it occurred.

-He knew that one of the twelve, whom He trusted, was about to betray Him.

John 12:10,11 Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him: that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

John 13:21 After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me."

-To understand, in part, why Jesus was so troubled, imagine if *you* had the ability to see in advance those close to you whom you trusted, who were about to betray you? How would you respond?

MAIN POINT: When we are betrayed, or when we betray others, CAN THIS BE FORGIVEN?

II. A betrayal can be forgiven when there is restored faith and repentance.

Four steps from betrayal to forgiveness:

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| 1. The Betrayal (Breach of Trust) | Both Judas and Peter betrayed Jesus |
| 2. Remorse (feeling the impact or one's actions) | Both Judas and Peter were remorseful |
| 3. Restored faith in God | Peter felt remorse but his faith was restored
<i>The faith of Judas remained absent.</i> |
| 4. Repentance | Peter repented. In his sin, he turned back to Jesus and his relationship was restored
<i>Judas felt remorse, did not turn to Jesus
Did not repent, so could not restore his faith, (if he ever had one) & committed suicide.</i> |

APPLICATION: Dealing with Betrayal. Choosing Peter's path to forgiveness of betrayal:

Take 2 minutes of silence. Listen to the Holy Spirit in you, and write down any individuals or situation you need to deal with around the topic of betrayal.

Now pick just one item, (It's your "Nudge") – Decide on one thing you'll do that both you and God know is you contending with a betrayal, either from someone against you, or your betrayal of someone else.

Share your "Nudge" with your group (to the degree possible, the item should not include detail that would allow others to know the situation or the people).

Who or what do you need to forgive. Or who do you need to ask forgiveness from?

PRAYER: Encouragement do this week's commitments (Nudges), as well as any other needs of the group.