



All Christians' Fellowship International

INTERACTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

TOPIC: The Betrayer & The Boaster

TEXT: John 13:18-38

Instructions - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

Introduction: There are some people we just don't like to be around! They aren't necessarily our enemies. They simply have the creepy ability to irritate us. If we had been one of Jesus' disciples, we would probably have found it difficult to be around Peter. He was blunt and, at times, arrogant. On the other hand, we might have regarded Judas with trust and respect. The only one who saw deeply enough to discern the true character of these men was Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

1. Has someone in your life ever hurt you deeply? What was your response to him or her?
2. Read John 13:18-30. Jesus takes this opportunity to predict his betrayal. How would his prediction dismiss any doubts the disciples might have and strengthen their faith (v. 19)?
3. Evidently, the disciples did not know who would betray Jesus (v. 22). What does this tell us about how Jesus had treated Judas?
4. How would you have treated Judas if you knew he would eventually betray you?
5. How do the disciples interpret Jesus' instruction to Judas in verse 27 (vs. 28-29)?
6. Can we apply Jesus' example to the way we should treat our "betrayers," or was this a unique situation that really doesn't apply today? Explain.
7. Read John 13:31-38. What was "new" about Jesus' command in verse 34?
8. John later wrote: "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers" (1 Jn 3:16). In what practical ways can we exhibit this sacrificial love?
9. Why does that kind of love convince all of humanity that we are Jesus' disciples (v. 35)?
10. Do you think Peter's declaration in verse 37 comes from pride or from sincerity? Explain.

11. Three people stand out in this passage-Jesus. Judas and Peter. What one character quality of each-good or evil-impresses you the most? What can you do to avoid the failures and to follow after the strengths of each of them?