



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of March 3, 2024

Sermon Text Luke 22:47-53

[47] While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, [48] but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?” [49] And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” [50] And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. [51] But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. [52] Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? [53] When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think is the essence of betrayal? What makes betrayal so painful? What is our natural response towards someone who betrays you?
2. What does Jesus' response to Judas' betrayal tell you about His mercy and love, and what does Judas' subsequent response tell you about the sinfulness of man? Have you ever betrayed Jesus? If so, how should you respond?
3. What do you think Peter's motive was for trying to kill the high priest's servant? Do you think Peter's actions were commendable? Was Peter right? What do we learn from Peter?
4. When Jesus heals the high priest's servant after Peter chops off his ear, what difference(s) do we see between man's ways and God's ways? Why do you think the kingdom of God cannot be established by power and force?
5. The wickedness of the Jewish leaders reveals the deceptive nature of the sinful human heart. We can appear so religious on the outside, but have hell and violence in our hearts. Do you think the religious leaders in Jesus' day were exceptionally evil? Why do you think they acted this way? What keeps you from becoming the same way?