

Tips and Tricks:

The sermon notes are designed to be used as a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you have to use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through and others will be over in a few seconds.

1. Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was just preached. Just ask the questions and let everyone else talk.
2. Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway!
3. Have fun. Don't forget to laugh and crack up. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of our ministry. Remember: We have to build a relational bridge strong enough to hold the truth!

Agenda for Group Time

1. Ice Breaker - Lighthearted ice breaker question (10 minutes)
2. Discussion - Bible study, sharing and application. (25 Minutes)
3. Prayer - Pray together (5 minutes)
4. Planning - Remember to talk about what's coming up.

Icebreaker

If you had a day just to relax, how would you use it?

Things that stress me out:

- My maternity clothes still fit, but my kids are in college.
- The Coke machine takes my money—then give me a Dr. Pepper.
- The IRS checks-in just to see how I'm doing.
- The Oreo bag is empty.
- My ex's number is on my caller I.D.
- Some guy named "Jimmy the Legs" has been calling me.
- Other: _____

Read Luke 22:1-7

Betraying Jesus

Why are the chief priests and the teachers of the law looking to get rid of Jesus?

"Satan entered Judas"

What does this mean?

- Judas was possessed
- Satan had influence over Judas
- Judas listened to Satan
- Judas was listening to heavy metal music
- Other: _____

Why do you think Judas did what he did when he betrayed Jesus ?

Read Ephesians 2:1-3

What does this passage teach about Christians before they knew Jesus?

In what ways have we behaved like Judas in betraying God?

Question: How does seeing yourself as a “betrayal” help in your spiritual life?

- It doesn't help at all.
- It hurts my self-esteem.
- It reminds me of my need for grace.
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- Other: _____

Finding Grace

Three ways people try to fix their broken relationship with Christ:

- Wrong Response: Religion = Legalism
- Wrong response: Irreligion = Relativism
- Right Response: Grace = Relationship

What is the appeal of the two wrong responses?

Question: Do you tend to lean towards religion or irreligion to make yourself right with God?

Read vs 1 and 7 again in Luke 22

What is the importance of the passover? (Exodus 12)

How does the passover feast remind us of grace that God has given?

Ephesians 2:4

[4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ —by grace you have been saved— (ESV)

Question: According to this verse, what has motivated God to move toward us?

Question: How does God's grace change your view of God? Of self? Of Others?

Work It Out!

One thing I'll do differently because of this sermon:
