

Power Words
Betrayal – Feb. 18, 2018
FP Small Group Study Guide

Matthew 26:20-25 New International Version (NIV)

²⁰ When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²¹ And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

²² They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?”

²³ Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

²⁵ Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?”

Jesus answered, “You have said so.”

1. What group of people do you most like to share a meal with and why?
2. If you have ever been betrayed by a trusted friend, what emotions were stirred in you?
3. Read Matthew 26:20-25.
4. What shocking statement did Jesus reveal while He and the disciples were eating together? Verses 20-21.
5. What does the text say about how the disciples felt hearing this? Give reasons why you think one disciple after the other respond to Jesus by questioning his own loyalty? What added information does he tell His disciples? Why do you think Jesus warns them of the consequence of the betrayer’s future actions?
6. What name does Judas call Jesus when asking his question? What might be the significance of this? Why do you think Judas even bothers to ask the question? Do you think anyone else heard Jesus’s reply?
7. In what ways do Christians today betray Jesus? Do you think one can be forgiven for this sin?
8. Before you dine with the Lord the next time you partake in communion, take some time to earnestly and thoughtfully ask, “Is it I Lord?”