

Life-Sharing & Pioneers Lesson 1 “The Art Of Betrayal” Luke 22:1-6

1. When do you think you should tell another person that he or she is going to be betrayed by someone you know? Are you betraying the person you know?

Luke 22:1-6 Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

¹ Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, ² and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. ³ Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. ⁴ And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. ⁵ They were delighted and agreed to give him money. ⁶ He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

2. Why were the chief priest so eager to get rid of Jesus?

3. Why are people still fighting to get rid of Jesus today?

4. Why do we as Christians sometimes want to get rid of Jesus, and when are we most likely to do it?

5. Why do you think it was possible for Satan to enter into Judas?

6. What are the means by which we open ourselves up to Satan?

7. What do you think Judas intended to accomplish by his plan, and how well thought out do you think the plan was?

8. Why do we think we are going to be able to betray Christ and get away with it?

9. Why does the world get excited when a follower of Christ goes against Christ?

10. Judas consented to betray Christ for money. What price do believers often accept in exchange for betraying Jesus?

Luke 22:47-48 Jesus Arrested

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

11. How should a Christian handle a betrayal by another Christian? What can we learn from Jesus' reaction to Judas?

12. What do you think was Judas' reaction to Jesus' words?

13. Can Satan destroy a move of God in a church without help from believers in a church?

14. When should we be aware that Satan might be using us in a situation?

Life-sharing and Pioneers Lesson 2 "The Last Supper" Luke 22:7-22

1. If you knew you were sharing your last meal with your family, what would be one thing you would want to tell them that night.

Luke 22:7-23 (Today's New International Version)

The Last Supper ⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸ Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." ⁹ "Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked. ¹⁰ He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹ and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹² He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there." ¹³ They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

2. What can we learn about Jesus from the above passage?

3. How can this passage give us a greater confidence in God for our future?

Luke 22:14-23 (Today's New International Version)

¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. ²¹ But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. ²² The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!" ²³ They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

4. Why do you think Jesus would be eagerly desiring to this Passover with his disciples?

5. What do you think it means to eat the broken body of Jesus Christ?

6. What exactly are we remembering during communion?

7. What does it mean to have the blood of Christ poured out for us? Why was his blood shed?

8. If Jesus knows that the hand of the betrayer is there at the table, why does he not simply point out Judas rather than give the others a chance to guess about each other?

9. Why do you think Jesus includes “but woe to that man who betrays him”?

10. Does the bible have any woes for us when we deliberately choose to do the wrong thing, thinking “God will forgive me for it.”

11. Why do you think it is so difficult for the disciples to try to pin point who is going to betray Jesus?

12. What type of person must Judas have appeared to be to others?

13. Why is that Satan often appears as a very righteous person or as a very good idea?

14. What’s the difference between a good plan and a godly plan?

Life-Sharing & Pioneers Lesson 3 “How To Become Great” Luke 22: 24-30

1. How would you feel, if at your last meal with your children, they got into an argument over which one should receive the most money from your estate and why they should get it?

Jesus has been telling the disciples about his impending betrayal and destruction. One moment they were very concerned that one of them is a betrayer. But their attention then quickly turns to which of them is the greatest.

Luke 22:24-30 (Today's New International Version)

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

2. What is it about us that makes us want to be number one or at least in the top 5?

3. Why is being a servant such an important part of being a Christian?

4. What does it mean for a supervisor to be a servant to those under his/her care?

5. How do the adults in the church become a servant to the teens and the youth?

6. What does a great church look like based on Jesus' words.

John 13 Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

¹ It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." ⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" ¹⁰ Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. ¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

7. Why does Jesus have very little problem with humbling himself in the presence of the disciples? Why do we so often wait before humbling ourselves in even the smallest of things?

8. How would our homes and our church be different if we were all seeking to be footwashers?

9. What are some areas in your life where you can become a better foot washer and do it more often?

Luke 22: 28-30 You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

10. What are the trials that you think Jesus is referring to in this passage? Is this something the disciples have already done or something they will do?

11. What type of trials do we experience that would cause us to gain a reward in heaven?

12. What can you learn about the after life from this passage?

13. On a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being poor and 10 being excellent, how would others rate you as a regular foot washer in the following places:

Home _____

School/Work _____

Church _____

Neighborhood _____

Lifesharing and Pioneers Lesson 4 “Underestimating The Power Of The Enemy”

Luke 22:31-38

1. Share a time that you remember in which someone underestimated a situation and lost in the situation.

2. After marching into Jerusalem a few days earlier on Palm Sunday, the disciples were on the top of the world. Despite all of Jesus’ warnings and predictions, they thought they were totally prepared to conquer whatever came their way. How come yesterday’s victory is not always a guarantee of tomorrow’s success.

Luke 22:31-38 (Today's New International Version) (Jesus is speaking to the disciples a few hours before he is going to be betrayed by Judas in the garden)

³¹ "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." ³³ But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." ³⁴ Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

³⁵ Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?" "Nothing," they answered. ³⁶ He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. ³⁷ It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors' ^[a]; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment." ³⁸ The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords." "That is enough," he replied.

3. What can we learn about the power of Satan in this passage?

4. What can we learn about Christ and our failures in this passage? How can this be an encouragement to us?

5. Why do you think Peter was so confident of his own ability that he was willing to tell Jesus, that Jesus was wrong about the situation?

6. What kind of situations may cause us to cave in on a commitment we had previously made?

Luke 22:54-62 (Today's New International Version) Peter Disowns Jesus

⁵⁴ Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵ And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ⁵⁶ A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him." ⁵⁷ But he denied it. "Woman, ^[a] I don't know him," he said. ⁵⁸ A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." "Man, I am not!" Peter replied. ⁵⁹ About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰ Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." ⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly.

7. Peter followed Jesus at a distance. What are some potential problems we may run into when we want to follow Jesus at a distance?

8. What do you think might have happened if Peter had admitted that he was a disciple?

9. Peter's accent gave away that he had been with Jesus as a Galilean. What are the traits that we should exhibit so that others would be able to accuse us of following Jesus?

10. Why do you think Peter so quickly forgot that Jesus had told him he would deny him three times?

10a. Have you ever heard a message in church in which God clearly spoke to you, and yet you quickly forgot it because of something that made you angry or upset?

11. What do you think ran through Peter's mind as he heard the rooster crowing and saw Jesus looking straight at him?

11a. What's your most likely reaction when you are caught in a lie or doing something wrong?

12. We see that Peter went outside and wept bitterly. Do you think Peter was at the scene of the crucifixion or not and why do you feel the way you do?