#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

For week of May 9, 2021

#### **MY STORY**

Have you ever been "thrown under the bus"? How did it affect you? Does it still have an affect you?

#### **QUICK REVIEW**

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

#### **DIGGING DEEPER**

Betrayal is one of the most painful things that can happen to us. How does the account of Judas' betrayal give us confidence in a similar situation?

Why does Jesus prophesy Judas's betrayal and tell his disciples of its necessity before it happened?

If Jesus is sovereign over all things, what does it free you to do as his follower that you wouldn't do otherwise?

How does this passage demonstrate Jesus's power over Satan? What does that mean to us today?

What do you think the disciples felt when they heard Jesus was leaving? What does Peter's response in v 37 say about him?

How is it that God was glorified in such a seemingly bad situation?

What is the significance of Jesus' "new commandment" to His disciples?

Kirk encouraged you to look at your own life and ask the question, "Am I loving others in the same way that Jesus has loved me?" What does that look like in your day-to-day living?

## **PRAYER REQUEST**

## **Tips on Group Prayer**

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

#### WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

#### PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

#### WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Missionaries of the Month** Please pray for Chad & Kristin Tabor, serving with e3Partners.

**Choices Baby Bottle Campaign** Pick up a baby bottle (or two! Or three!) to fill with cash, change, checks and support their work in Teller County.



# The Gospel of John---That You May Believe A New Commandment

John 13:21-38 (ESV) Kirk Greenstreet May 9, 2021

# I Three relationships unmasked

- The relationship between Jesus and his <u>disciples</u>
- The relationship between Jesus and Judas
- The relationship between Judas and Satan
- Jesus is in complete control

# II The cross and the glory of God

- God is glorified at the cross in his justice
- God is glorified at the cross in his faithfulness
- God is glorified at the cross in His love

# III As disciples we are part of a New Community

- There is a new <u>object</u> to which a Christian's love is directed
- There is a new measure by which we love others
- We are given a new <u>power</u> by which we can love one another

# IV As disciples we're empowered to follow Jesus

•	We follow Jesus in the transforming power of living in Him.