

## Life Group Discussion Material - Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> Message

### Betraying Jesus (John 18)

#### *21 Weeks with Jesus*

1. What was Judas' primary motive for betraying Jesus?  
*Hint: Think about the two different groups of people in John's gospel and which one Judas belonged to*
2. How was Judas' unbelief finally manifested? What was he pursuing?
3. The soldiers who arrested Jesus would probably have responded to the question, "why did you arrest Jesus," with a response such as, "because we were ordered to do so." Have you ever encountered a situation where someone in authority over you asked you to go against your beliefs? How did you respond?
4. Do you think that you are ready to go against what the world says if need be in order to stand up for Jesus? For example, if the United States ever made speaking against homosexuality a hate crime, would you continue to attend a church that teaches against it or even speak out against homosexual behavior yourself? What about using transgender pronouns?
5. Why do you think that the trial against Jesus happened so swiftly and illegally? *Hint: Refrain from using general truths such as "because God was in control." Think about it from the human perspective and what was going on in the minds of those involved.*
6. Peter, in a time of weakness, denied Jesus on 3 occasions. Looking back at the gospel accounts before this, we know that Peter was a believer. Discuss what may have happened to cause Peter to fail in this moment and how you may be able to relate to his failure.
7. The crowd of Jewish people wanted Pilate to release an anarchist, Barabbas, rather than the innocent Jesus. How do you handle unexpected results from Jesus?