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THE LAST SUPPER
A TABLE OF TRAITORS

A Last Supper Called Passover
Exodus 12:1-28 / 2 Corinthians 5:21

A Table of Traitors
Matthew 26:17-35/ John 13:1-17/ Matthew 20:26-27/ Zechariah 13:7

The Truth About Love, Mercy, And Forgiveness

1. Jesus is the _____ in the story.
   We're the _____ in the story.

2. All Jesus asks is that we _____ what we've _____.
   Colossians 3:13 / Romans 5:8-10

3. Love is not an _____.
   1 Corinthians 13:1-3/ James 4:17

4. Love is a _____.
   1 Corinthians 13:4-7

5. Grace, mercy, and love are _____ that I _____,
   not _____ to be earned.
   Matthew 5:46/ 2 Thessalonians 3:10/ 1 Corinthians 5/ Hebrews 12:6

6. Love that won't _____ isn't _____.

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

These questions are designed to help groups discuss the weekend teaching while building relationships with each other and applying God's Word to our lives.

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WARM UP

1. The Last Supper was a meal the disciples would never forget. Picture the most memorable meal you've ever been part of. Where were you, who was around the table, and what made it unforgettable?

2. Larry reminded us that Jesus is the hero of the story we read this weekend. What's a favorite "hero" story of yours, from a book, a movie, or real life, and what makes you love it?

3. This weekend we read one of the most famous scenes in Scripture. What stood out to you from this weekend's message? Was there anything you heard or noticed for the first time?

KNOW IT



Re-read Matthew 26:17-35.

1. Larry called this "a table of traitors." Judas had already made his deal, Peter would deny Jesus three times, and Jesus told all of them they would fall away that very night. When you read a story like this, do you tend to see yourself as Jesus, as Judas, or as one of the eleven? How does picturing yourself at this table change the way you read it?

2. In verse 22 the disciples each ask, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?" In verse 25 Judas asks, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?" What's the difference between seeing Jesus as a respected teacher and seeing Him as Lord? Where might that difference show up in our everyday lives?

3. Jesus loved us before we could earn it. Read Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:10, and Ephesians 2:4-5 together. What do you think is the difference between love that takes the first step before it's deserved and love that only responds to what it's been given?

SHARE IT



1. Most of us think of ourselves as forgiving people, but we usually have one or two exceptions. What are 2-3 things you would struggle to forgive, things you might even consider unforgivable? (This doesn't have to be something that has happened to you.)

2. These twelve disciples were a group of some of Jesus' closest friends. You could even think of them like His own Life Group. Imagine for a second that your closest group of friends all abandoned or betrayed you. Why do you think betrayal of people close to us cuts deeper than betrayal of an enemy or stranger? What do you think it would take for you to still sit down at the table with them?

LIVE IT



1. Grace, mercy, and love are gifts we give, not rewards to be earned. That means love often goes first, before anyone has earned it. Try putting your own name in that sentence: "___ goes first." What could it look like for you to go first in a relationship in your life this week?

2. When we understand what Jesus did for us, it becomes much easier to do it for others. What helps you understand and remember what Jesus did for you?