



# CORNERSTONE GROUPLIFE

## Sunday Recap:

Songs We Sang:

The Lion & The Lamb  
Here Is Love  
Only A Holy God  
All The Poor & Powerless  
Lamb Of God  
As It Is In Heaven

## Conversation Starters:

What did you do for New Years Eve? Who did you celebrate with and where?

Did you make any New Years resolutions? Why or why not? Do you have any goals for 2018?

Have you ever been betrayed by a close friend? Have you found forgiveness or healing? Whoever's brave can share their story without naming names.

## Next Week

Kevin will be preaching on:  
Sent With Hope (John 14:1-3)



## Sermon

This past Sunday we launched a new series called sent based on The Gospel of John chapters 13-16. Kevin preached on John 13:21-38 the scene in the upper room where Jesus predicts Judas' betrayal as well as Peter's denial.

### *What was it about?*

Kevin shared with us a few questions about the passage and what they point to: 1. Why the details? This account is detailed because John wants us to know that he's an eye witness. 2. Why can't we follow Jesus? Jesus knew that they weren't really ready to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow. He knew Peter wouldn't even make the night. 3. What's the connection between night/darkness and glory? Darkness arrived as Satan entered Judas. But the glory of Jesus always outshines the darkness. 4. Why is Jesus troubled? There's a sinful troubled and a holy 'troubled'. Sinful troubled spirit comes from unbelief. Holy troubled spirit comes from a heart of selfless love for others.



## Prayer

Please pray for those with serious health concerns: Matthew Bueckert (cancer treatment), Joyce Riches (facial surgery recovery), Gertrude Klassen (mental health), Abe Heinrichs (bowel cancer surgery), Wilhemina Kannegieter (bowel cancer surgery), Ian Buist (rehab after fall).

Praise Jesus his grace even when you feel like you betray or deny him. Ask him to fill you with the Holy Spirit again to empower you to follow.

## Action Steps:

Come up with a practical way to love one another in a Jesusy way this week. What can you plan as a group to show one another practical love?

Who do you need to forgive for betraying you? Who do you need to show the grace of Jesus to in your life? As a group spend some time praying for those of you who still need to forgive someone in your life for a betrayal. Speak words of encouragement and grace to one another as you do so.

## Questions:

1. Why is it important that the gospel writers included such detail in their accounts and particularly John? What purpose does that serve his audience? What things help you believe the gospel stories are rooted in reality and not fiction?
2. Why couldn't the disciples, namely Peter, follow him (v 36)? What is Jesus talking about here? What would the disciples need to follow Jesus that they didn't yet have? In this passage, what did it mean for the disciples to follow Jesus? In light of that, what should it mean for us to follow Jesus?
3. Notice the command in verse 34. What does that mean for us today? How should Cornerstone actually live this out in new and better ways? What does this mean for evangelism?
4. What's the difference between our troubled spirit's often, and Jesus troubled spirit in this passage? What troubles you? What was troubling Jesus? What would it look like if we were troubled by the things that troubled Jesus?
5. Has there been times when you felt like you betrayed or denied Jesus? Have you experienced grace and forgiveness in that? How?
6. Where do you see the gospel (good news) of Jesus in this passage? Where do you see grace here? How does that good news apply to you today?

