LIFEGROUPS

Series: *Redeem*   **Scripture:** *Mark 14*   **Date: March 30 & 31, 2019**

Message: *Acting Out the*
Drama of Redemption

—[**LET'S START**]—

Think back to the first time you remember being disappointed by someone that you trusted. What do you remember about the situation?

—[**LET'S TALK**]—

1. Pastor Dale began his sermon with the story of an Italian artist who painted a picture of the Madonna and the Child, using a peasant woman and her lovely child as the models. Years later the artist painted a picture of Judas. He found his model in a prison, selecting a man who had been sentenced to death for his crimes against mankind. It turned out to be the same person who had been the model of the Christ child. It's been said that there is a Judas in each one of us? What do you think? Is there a Judas in you? Why or why not?

2. Read Mark 14:17-26.

   Dale suggested, "Because Jesus calls His followers in every generation to re-enact this meal, it means that there is something happening here that He never wants you or me to forget. What is it?"

   "I tell you the truth, one of you eating with me here will betray me."

   Have you ever considered that Jesus would want us to remember that?

3. Why is it so difficult for us to imagine that we have a problem with sin?

4. Read Jeremiah 17:9. What does this verse reveal to us about mankind? What does it reveal to us about God?

5. Dale said, "At the Table with Jesus I'm reminded that what's wrong with the world is not you, it's not liberals, conservatives, millennials, boomers, it's not other religious groups, it's not the color of someone's skin or a person's sexual identity. What's wrong with the world is me and the fact that everyone is like me, a wretched sinner who needs to be saved by grace! If we don't come to grips with that we will always struggle to forgive others." How have you seen that to be true in our world today?

6. Read John 12:1-11. How is Mary's faith different than Judas' faith?

—[**LET'S ACT**]—

There is a difference between being a gospel person and a religious person. Gospel people worship Jesus because of what he has done for us. Grace has captured our heart and we surrender our best for His glory. Let's pray together that we would live in recognition of God's grace and worship Him by closing our time in prayers of adoration for all that God has done for us.

—[**SERMON REVIEW**]—

- It has been said that there is a Judas in each one of us.
- Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God was about to be sacrificed by His Father in order to bring out, deliver, redeem and bring you back to His Father.
- Because Jesus calls His followers in every generation to re-enact this meal, it means that there is something happening here that He never wants you or me to forget. What is it?
  - "I tell you the truth, one of you eating with me here will betray me."
  - The twelve did not see themselves as wretches who needed saving.
- Nobody felt like a wretch! Do you?
- Jeremiah 17:9 NLT "The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really know how bad it is?"
- Alexander Solzhenitsyn wrote, "The line dividing good from evil goes down the center of every human heart."
- Why is it so hard for us to own our sinful and wretched state?
  - Because we compare ourselves to others!
- The potential to sin is always there. It just requires the right opportunity.
- What's wrong with the world is me and the fact that everyone is like me, a wretched sinner who needs to be saved by grace! If we don't come to grips with that we will always struggle to forgive others.
- If we don't come to grips with our own sinful wretchedness we will feel justified in looking down on groups of people!
- Until I recognize what a wretch I am I won't come to accept the grace He offers to me.
- Grace turns wretches into worthy and accepted wonders of God!
- What separated Judas and Mary? The gospel and religion.
  - Mary was a gospel person.
  - Judas was a religious person.
- Until you recognize what a wretch you are you won't be overcome by grace and love of God.

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