

TROUBLE AT THE TABLE

June 29, 2025

Get a Grip & Get a Life // Preparing for Departure // John 13:21-30

CONNECT – Announcements (page 2) & Building Relationships

1. Is there anything noteworthy going on in your life since last week? Where have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others?
2. Have you ever hosted a meal that went hilariously wrong or ended up being really awkward? (think of spilled soup, surprise guests, burned entrées)
3. Can you think of a time you were shown love when you didn't deserve it? How did it impact you?

REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives

4. Read John 13:21-30 [have someone read it out loud for group time]. What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in His Word, maybe for the first time?
5. Have someone read Luke 6:27-36. How does Jesus practice what He preaches there in His interactions with His betrayer, Judas?
6. How can we reflect a Luke 6 & John 13 sort of love toward someone who has hurt us or let us down?
7. In times of betrayal or uncertainty, how do you usually respond - do you pull away from others, turn to Jesus, or respond in some other way? And how should taking an inventory of yourself as a disciple whom Jesus loves (v. 23) impact your approach?
8. In what ways does this passage demonstrate Jesus's power over Satan? And how does His power over evil help you to press on through difficult circumstances?
9. Judas had everyone else fooled. What are some modern-day ways people can "look religious" while hiding a rebellious heart?
10. How can we guard ourselves against pretending when it comes to our faith?

PROTECT – Care for one another (divided, gender-specific groups)

11. Is there anyone in your life who seems to be walking away from Jesus? How could you or we as a group reach out?
12. What's one area of your life where you need to stop pretending and start trusting?

Pray as a group. As you pray, look at these prompts and voice them in your own words as a group:

- 1) Lord, help us to walk in the light, not in secret darkness.
- 2) Give us strength to love others, even when we've been hurt or betrayed.
- 3) Remind us that no matter what others do, Jesus never fails us.
- 4) Protect us from spiritual hypocrisy, enabling us to be authentic and growing in You.



Announcements

UPDATE: After meeting with a collaboration of Western Rockingham NC Baptist churches, we have shifted the date of our **ServeNC** collaboration to **Saturday, August 9**. Please update your calendars! Did any project ideas emerge from your feet-washing discussions last week? And any champions of those project ideas? We'd like to have 5 or more projects that our church is championing as a part of that day. So if you have a solid idea, please sent it to us via admin@nvf.life or 336.444.6831.

It's the final countdown to **Summer Bible Camp**! We'll keep registration open all through camp, but early registration makes for a better experience for anyone bringing kids and our volunteers. Just a reminder: this is for children ages 2 through rising grade 5, and will be July 6-10, 6:30 to 8:45 each evening. Pre-register online at <https://nvf.life/vbs>

Individual Options for Going Deeper

Check out this expanded overview of Judas Iscariot from GotQuestions:
<https://www.gotquestions.org/Judas-Iscaiot.html>