



Sermon Questions

November 2nd, 2025 | Scripture: John 13:36-38; John 18:15-27; John 21:15-19—Jesus Meets Us in Our Betrayal

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Write down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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Core Questions

1. Judas and Peter both betray Jesus in these passages. How are their betrayals different? How are they the same?
2. What is the significance of the charcoal fire, servant girl, and the rooster in Peter's betrayal (Jn. 18:17-18, 27; 27:9)?
3. Why did Jesus make a point to have a personal conversation with Peter about his betrayal in John 21:15-19?

Inward Grace in Action

1. Shame is often the place that our hearts go in the midst of betrayal. How does the love of Christ meet us in that place?
2. Is there a personal conversation that the Lord might want to have with you regarding your past betrayal, sin, or other wounds?

Outward Grace in Action

1. How can we make the first step towards reconciliation towards those who have betrayed us in our personal or professional lives?

For Families: Ideas of how to keep the conversation going at home, in the car, or around the dinner table:

1. A - Ask about the message: Ask your children if there is anything that they have done or something that has been done to them that they have felt too embarrassed, scared, or shameful to tell you.
2. S - Share your thoughts: Share about a time when the Lord has met you with forgiveness amidst your betrayal of him or others. Remind your children that the Lord desires us to come to him even with the things we are most ashamed of.
3. K - Keep it going: Take time to read through Micah 7:18-19. Use that as a model to pray through and thank the Lord for his assurance of forgiveness and steadfast love.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 50:20-21
- Psalm 41
- Zechariah 11:1-17
- Matthew 26:47-56
- Luke 23:26-43
- Revelation 2:1-7

Pray: Either due to things that we have done, or things that have been done to us, we all carry around the wounds of shame and/or betrayal. Take time this week to reflect on where the Lord may be wanting to have a personal conversation about the betrayal, sin, or shame present in your own life. Then meditate on Luke 15:18-24 and ask the Lord to give you the confidence to take the next step of receiving freedom and/or forgiveness for that in Christ.

Serve: If you or someone you know needs help processing through betrayal and/or shame, our church has a variety of resources to help you do that. Consider reaching out to one of our ruling elders or our directors of care below to begin that process of healing or reconciliation:

- Laura Welke – Director of Care
 - lwelke@mcleanpres.org

Look Ahead: Next week's passage will be John 18:33-40, where we will see how Jesus meets us in our cynicism.