



Friendship with God

SERMON GUIDE

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John 13:18-30

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayer that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Setting The Table: Friendship with God is a gift, but is also deeply personal and sometimes painful. In this scene, Jesus is surrounded by friends—and yet, one of them is preparing to betray Him. This moment reminds us that Jesus knows the pain of broken trust, and yet He still moves toward His friends in love. As we read, ask: What has friendship with us cost Jesus?

Read John 13:18-30

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** In verse 18, Jesus quotes Psalm 41:9 where David is processing a horrible experience of betrayal: "He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me."
 - What images come to mind when you read this? What is the experience of betrayal like for Jesus? How would you be feeling?
- O** What is Jesus' attitude toward Judas in this scene? How does he treat him? Does this convict, challenge or comfort you?
 - If there's time you might quickly read 1 Peter 2:19-23 for insight into Jesus' state of mind.
- O** The reading ends with the simple phrase, "And it was night." How does this simple detail reflect not just the time of day, but the spiritual or emotional reality of what's unfolding?
- A** Have you ever experienced the deep pain of betrayal or hurt in a close friendship? Have you ever, or are you presently experiencing bitterness or unforgiveness?
 - How does friendship with Jesus help create the space, strength, and safety to forgive? How do you need to respond to this reading right now?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.