

The Disciples: Leaving a Legacy Bible Study

As we wrap up our Bible Study on the Disciples, we land on Judas Iscariot. Known to most people as the disciple who betrayed Jesus. As you work your way through the worksheet I want you to think about “What Legacy are You Leaving”? That is the focus on this discussion tonight.

Work your way through the Scriptures on the worksheet...

...After you've worked through the Scriptures, work through this next part together with the worksheet.

MAKING IT REAL

- **Have you ever wondered how you are like Judas?**
- **Do you think it's possible that you'd ever betray Jesus?**

There are many different theories as to WHY Judas betrayed Jesus:

Patriotic Devotion - Judas was so loyal to his country that he felt Jesus was dragging His feet. Not only as Jesus not leading a rebellion but He was delaying the movement that would free Palestine from the Romans.

Impatience - Judas could have been trying to motivate Jesus to take action. If the authorities came to arrest Him, maybe Jesus would finally lash out and do what needs to be done.

Greed - Judas' motive could have been to elevate himself. Seeing that Jesus' movement was going nowhere, he could have turned Jesus in to try and boost his own political appeal and power in the state.

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Discussion Questions:

- In what ways can someone be loyal to their own ambition over and above loyalty to Jesus?
- What are some ways that people today rebel against Jesus?
- Are you patient with the Lord?
- How do you misunderstand Jesus' purposes?
- How is trusting Jesus the opposite of betraying Him?

Each of the 12 disciples that we have studied over the last several weeks left behind a legacy. For some, it is quiet obedience; others, it's notable leadership; still others, betrayal of trust. We remember each of them for the legacy they left.

Each day, you are laying the legacy that your classmates, family and friends will remember you by. What you do and how you act will be remembered for years to come. Someday, people will recall events from the history of your life and talk about how you responded. **The question is: what will your legacy be?**

WORKBOOK ACTIVITY