

**Rockford Reformed Church**  
**Matthew 26:47-50 – “Betrayal and Love”**  
3/31/19 – Pastor Tim Meendering

**Three Lessons to Learn**

**1. I am \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. What are some ways that you could identify with Judas? What might it look like to “sell” Jesus, or make him a means to serving yourself?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. Read Gal. 1:6 and Hebrews 3:12. What is your own experience with the ongoing struggle that is described in these texts? How do you know or what are some evidences that you are serving or “selling” Jesus?

Do you find Jesus to be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?

- c. Read Matt. 25:40. How can you tell what place that Jesus has in your life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- d. What are some relationships where you could be using the other person rather than pursuing them to love and make them better? What can you do to change that?

**2. Jesus responds to betrayal with \_\_\_\_\_ so that you can respond to betrayal with \_\_\_\_\_.**

Two keys that enable Jesus to do this:

- a. Jesus trusts that God will turn the worst of \_\_\_\_\_ into the best of good.

- Read Matt. 26:53. What does this say about who is in control as Jesus works his way to the cross? Recall a time when you can see how God redeemed the mess and evil that happened in your own life.

b. Jesus reveals the endless, \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

- Read Luke 23:34. Under all the evil and betrayal, what does this say about Jesus? How do you see Jesus responding to your evil and betrayal every day? What has he done and what is he still doing to respond to you with love and forgiveness?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What odor do you breathe when you are trampled upon? As you receive Jesus’ endless, reckless love and forgiveness, how could it change your marriage or other relationships as you extend that same kind of love and forgiveness?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- How does a deeper understanding of your sin and of God’s fountain of love and mercy change your relationship to Jesus and others?

**3. Jesus is the only \_\_\_\_\_ worthy of your perfect trust.**

Read Psalm 9:9-10. What does this say about God for whatever comes your way?

**Resources for further growth/study:**

- *A Loving Life In a World of Broken Relationships*, by Paul Miller