



The Walking Dead Week 2 / Guts Group Discussion Notes

Leading Off:

Jesus wraps a servant's girdle around his waist, takes up a basin, and kneels before one of the disciples. He unlaces a sandal and gently lifts the foot and places it in the basin, covers it with water, and begins to bathe it. One by one, one grimy foot after another, Jesus works his way down the row...

You can be sure Jesus knows the future of the feet he is washing. These 24 feet will not spend the next day following their master, defending the cause. These feet will dash for cover at the flash of a Roman sword. Only one pair of feet won't abandon him in the garden. One disciple won't desert him at Gethsemane – Judas won't even make it that far!

Behold the gift Jesus gives his followers! He knows what these men are about to do ... and when they do, he wants them to remember how his knees knelt before them and he washed their feet. He wants them to realize those feet are still clean. He forgave their sin before they even committed it. He offered mercy before they even sought it.
-Max Lucado (Just Like Jesus)

Christ washed the feet of a man he knew would betray him. If you knew someone would betray you in the future, how would you treat him today?

Discussion Questions:

1. When you read or hear Judas' story, what words first come to mind?
2. Have you ever sold-out someone you loved for someone or something else and then immediately realized the decision you made was wrong?

So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.
Matthew 27:5

3. What do you think stopped Judas from going back to Jesus after the betrayal?

Pastor Chad suggests - *"Judas shows us how close a person can get to Jesus while still remaining spiritually dead."*

4. Does this statement concern you? Why or why not?

*Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you – unless, of course, you fail the test? **2 Corinthians 13:5***

Pastor Chad asked us to consider the following: *"What evidence in your life suggests you're not like Judas? What is the evidence in your life that you've embraced Christ and His Kingdom and His purpose over your own?"*

5. How would you answer this question?

One To Grow On (This weeks Growth Challenge):

Judas counted himself out and ended his life just a stones throw away from the foot of the cross. In what ways have you counted yourself "out?"

Jesus washed the feet of those that he *knew* would betray him, *including* Judas. What does that say about Jesus' love for you?

Is there anything in your life you need to bring to Jesus right now? Unrepentant sin? Worry? Apathy?

Take a few moments and pray with your group.

No more walking dead.

We are living in Christ - on purpose, for purpose!