

## Hooked?

### “How to Recognize the Judas Bait”

1. It's Always Rooted in Spiritual Duplicity vv. 18-22

2. Self-Serving Becomes the Default vv. 23-30



# Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

## HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit [pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/) or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

### Point #1

- Read John 13:18-22. How did the disciples respond when Jesus told them about a betrayer in their midst?
- Given they were together for three years, what does this reveal about the spiritual deception and Point #1?
- How can this be a hook for Christians today? Give an example. What steps will you take to apply Point #1?

### Point #2

- Read John 13:23-30. Why did Judas decide to betray Jesus and the disciples? When do you think he did it?
- Given Jesus told Judas to go through with it, what does this reveal about his heart? How does this relate to Point #2?
- Why will this always be a challenge for Christians today? What are some ways Point #2 challenges you?

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## Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at [pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons).

### **MONDAY // Read John 13:18, Matthew 27:5, Psalm 41:9, 2 Samuel 17:23**

- In what way was the story of Jesus and Judas similar to the story of David and his counselor, Ahithophel?
- What would Judas' betrayal have implied about scripture being "fulfilled"? (John 13:18) Be specific.
- What does this highlight about Jesus being caught off guard? Why is this helpful for Christians to understand?

### **TUESDAY // Read John 6:60-64, 13:2-5, 10:11, 18-21**

- How was Judas part of the disciples and not part of the disciples? What does this reveal about spiritual duplicity?
- Given that Jesus knew about Judas from the beginning, how did His treatment of Judas make you feel?
- What does this highlight about the need for Christians to recognize and address spiritual duplicity?

### **WEDNESDAY // Read John 13:18-22, Matthew 26:26, 23:27-28, 2 Corinthians 13:5**

- How did the disciples respond when Jesus told them about a betrayer in their midst? How did Judas respond?
- What does this imply given the disciples spent 3 years together? How did the Pharisees demonstrate the same hook?
- How can this happen to Christians today? Be specific. How will comparing your public and private life help?

### **THURSDAY // Read John 13:23-30, Luke 22:3-6**

- When did Judas make the decision to betray Jesus and hand him over to the authorities? Why is this important?
- Why did Jesus tell Judas to do what he was going to do "quickly"? How would Judas have felt at that moment?
- Given Judas went through with his plan, what does it reveal about his heart? How does this challenge you?

### **FRIDAY // Read John 13:23-30, Genesis 3:1-5, Matthew 4:1-11**

- In what way did Judas take the same bait as Eve when she was tempted by Satan? Be specific.
- How did Jesus endure the same type of spiritual temptation? Why will this always be a bait for Christians?
- What are some ways you can be tempted into a self-serving mindset? How can you avoid taking the bait today?

### **SATURDAY // Read John 13:18-30, Psalm 139:23-24**

- As you re-read the interaction that took place between Jesus and Judas, what strikes you as significant?
- If Judas had been a true believer, how might he have avoided getting hooked by a self-serving mindset?
- Take a moment & pray Psalm 139:23-24 out loud. Write down the areas of your life that God wants you to address.

**MEDITATION VERSE:** *<sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! <sup>24</sup>And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!* Psalm 139:23-24