

## **Digging Deeper: John 13:18–38**

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### **Day 1**

Remember to pray, asking for God's help so you can focus on His Word, without distraction. Use a journal to write down your thoughts and feelings as you pray and study His Word this week. Read John 13:18–38. When you invite people over to your house for dinner or accept an invitation to join another family for dinner, what kind of relationship do you have or are seeking to have with that family? In verse 18, Jesus is breaking bread with his friends. What does he predict will happen? Check out what King David said about this in Psalms 41:9.

### **Day 2**

Find a quiet place to settle your mind, body, and spirit. Read slowly, don't rush, and meditate on each verse, turning to prayer to bring truths and ideas into a conversation with God. Read John 13:18–38. In verse 20, Jesus talks about welcoming or accepting his "messenger" or "anyone I send." What does he mean by saying this? As a follower of Jesus, what role do you, or do I, play for Jesus today?

### **Day 3**

Pray for the Holy Spirit to help you dig deeper into His Word this week and to discover what God wants you to learn from an extra study on Sunday's message. Read John 13:18–38. In verse 26, dipping the bread and handing it to someone was a sign of friendship. When have you ever felt betrayed by a friend? What did God teach you in that situation? How does Jesus respond here; how does He treat and what does He say to Judas? Jesus shows us that He is more than just a prophet; He is all-knowing, past, present, and future; He knew what Judas was going to do. Is there anything going on in your life right now that Jesus already knows about, but you need to pray and talk with Him about it?

### **Day 4**

Pray for others, and ask God how He would have you come alongside family, friends, and neighbors with grace and love today. Read John John 13:18–38. What impresses you the most about how Jesus handles the situation with Judas? And the rest of His disciples? How can you apply this in your own relationships with people?

### **Day 5**

Pray for how Jesus wants you to learn from His Word this week. Read John 13:18–38. What did Jesus tell His disciples about being glorified? Check out Philippians 2:5–11. What did Judas leaving have to do with God being glorified?

### **Day 6**

As you pray, reflect, and talk with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, what's been happening in your life that you can be grateful for? What do you need help with, your thoughts, feelings, and answers to use in your life for His glory. One last time, read John 13:18–38. Jesus asks us to love one another. The way we show love to one another is how people can tell if we know and love Jesus. If we fail to do this well, loving all people for Him, our love for Jesus can be hard for others to see. Read Matthew 25:40, Galatians 6:10, and Ephesians 5:25. What action can you take to show more clearly that you love others, all others, the way Jesus loved?