

# king's chapel

## *Community Group Discussion Guide*

Week of November 27, 2016

**This Week's Focus:** Jesus is the eternally existent, sovereign Lord of the universe whose substitutionary atoning death transforms all who believe, from enemies to loved children, who in turn reflect his love to the world.

**This Week's Text:** John 13:21-38

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." **John 13:34-35**

### **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- What are your general impressions about this week's passage of Scripture?
- What is the setting and context of this week's text? What is commemorated during the Passover feast? Why does Jesus share this last Passover feast with his disciples?
- Who is the disciple "whom Jesus loved"?
- Knowing that Judas would betray him, why does Jesus call Judas to follow him? Reference verses 18-19. Discuss how this passage teaches us the sovereignty of God.
- Although Judas was chosen to be a disciple, how were the other 11 disciples chosen differently? Reference verses 10-11 and 18-19. What does Jesus promise to all those who believe in him? Reference John 10:27-28.
- What is significant about Jesus passing a morsel of bread to Judas? How does Judas respond to Jesus' offer of love? Who is responsible for Judas' sin? Reference James 1:13-15. How was Satan involved?
- After Judas leaves, what is the first thing Jesus wants his disciples to remember? Discuss why he addresses them as his "little children." How does Jesus instruct his children to live? Reference verses 34-35. Why is it important that he first identifies them as his children, and then gives them the command to love?
- Discuss the missional aspect of God's love. Explain how our gospel identity motivates us to both love God and one another. What are some ways you can declare and demonstrate the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?