

When we say, "To love someone is always a choice, and Scripturally speaking we are never justified in choosing not to love."

- Do you believe that it's true?
- What comes to your mind as you think about this idea?
- If we believe this is true, what are some of the implications for our daily lives?

Kasey again discussed the idea of God as a relational being and said that the three persons of the Trinity (God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) are the standard of right relationship because they are mutually committed and submitted to each other. We see examples of this in John 8:25-29 and John 16:12-15.

- Can you think of other ways that the Trinity expresses or shows right relationship?
- What do you think it means for people in relationship to be mutually committed and submitted to each other?
- Why is it so much easier for us to say/show that we are committed to each other than it is to say/show that we are submitted to each other?

Kasey discussed the idea that Jesus chose to love even those who would betray Him. Take a look at John 6:1-15, 25-34, and 52-70 (If you have time to read all of John 6 it's well worth it!)

- Why did the people want to make Jesus their (earthly) king?
- Why does Jesus say the people are looking for Him?
- What do the crowds actions and attitudes communicate about their goals for Jesus (in other words, were they communicating that they loved the man Jesus, or....)?
- What do our actions and attitudes often communicate about our goals for Jesus?
- Why did the crowds really desert Jesus? What do you think their thoughts and motives were?
- When John points out that Jesus had known from the beginning who would betray Him, who is he talking about?
- Kasey suggested that Jesus may have had other names in mind besides Judas, who?
- Have you ever considered before that Jesus knew you would betray Him?
- Do you believe that you have/do betray Him?
- In what ways?
- Knowing all of what you just said/thought about the previous couple of questions, do you believe Jesus loves you?

Kasey discussed Jesus washing the disciples feet at the last supper as evidence that Jesus chose to love Judas (and Peter) even though He would be betrayed. Look again at John 13:1-17.

- What do you think it means when it says that Jesus had loved His own who were in the world and would now love them to the end?
- If Jesus still welcomed Judas at the table, do you think Judas was included in “His own who were in the world”?
- Kasey suggested that perhaps when Jesus finished washing their feet and said He’d given them an example, that it was an example of servant leadership and of choosing to love even those who would betray Him. Do you believe this is true?
- Why or why not?
- Reflect for a moment on the idea that in communion we are invited to the Passover table to meet with Jesus. How does this make you feel?
- Do you believe that you, like Judas and Peter, are welcomed by Jesus at the table?
- Do you believe that you, like Judas and Peter, are served by Jesus at the table?
- How does that make you feel?
- If we take Jesus seriously when He says His actions at the table are an example for us to follow...what does that mean? What actions? Literally washing feet?
- What does it look like to follow this example of Jesus in your life?

Kasey said that the God of the universe created you to be an object of His love. Look at Ephesians 1:3-10.

- Do you believe that Kasey’s statement is true?
- Why or why not?
- What does adopted into sonship mean to you?
- When someone has a child, do they have the child in order to have someone serve them? To have someone to exert influence over? Or to be an object of their love?
- I realize that last one is more of a point than a question, but I want you to get it ☺.
- Reflect for a moment on the idea that God created you to be an object of His love, and that even though He knows you have and will betray Him, He still chooses to love you and adopt you into sonship.

Read 1 John 4:19

- Now do your part.