



LIFE GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

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BETRAYAL 2 Samuel 15:31

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1. How does it feel to be betrayed? When you have been betrayed, who helped you through it?

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2. David was betrayed by his son, Absalom, and his friend, Ahithophel. David's relationship with Absalom had been fracturing for a while, but Ahithophel's betrayal was sudden. Which seemed to hurt David more? Why?
3. Read Psalm 55:12–15, 20–21. Why is this moment so painful for David?
4. David writes this Psalm out of anguish, without apologizing for his feelings. God ensures that this Psalm is included in Scripture, preserved for all time. Why would God put such a Psalm in the Bible? How can this particular Psalm help the body of believers?
5. Jesus was betrayed as David was. Jesus had His Absalom (the religious and political leaders), His Ahithophel (Judas) and His friends who wept (the disciples). What does it mean that Jesus, who is God in flesh, experienced the pain of betrayal? How does it affect the way you relate to Him and the way He relates to you? See Hebrews 4:14–16.
6. Both David and Jesus pray fervently to the Father amidst their betrayal. Compare Psalm 55 with Matthew 26:36–46 and Luke 22:40–46. What similarities do you find between their prayers? How can these realities shape your prayers?
7. Peter witnessed Jesus' betrayal in Gethsemane, yet he denied Jesus personally, adding his own betrayal. It seems Peter drew comfort later on from Psalm 55 as he quotes verse 22 directly in 1 Peter 5:7. How can we draw comfort from these verses for the times we have failed God? In what way can 1 Peter 5:6 help you enter into this?

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8. Most of us have suffered betrayal. Reflect in prayer on those who have betrayed and offended you. Is there anyone for whom your anger still burns? Is there anyone that you need to forgive? We can't always go to the offender but we can always go to Jesus, who has overcome. Go to Jesus in prayer and choose now to forgive those who have wounded you, knowing that He has experienced your pain and will help free you from it.
9. Most of us have offended others or betrayed others. Take moment to reflect in prayer on those whom you have betrayed or offended. Is there any relationship that needs to be healed? Is there any action you committed that you need to ask God to forgive you for? Go to Jesus in prayer and seek wisdom for how you can apologize to those you have wounded. Ask for His blessing to restore these relationships if the other person is willing.