

## **/// REMEMBER THIS**

**Intro:** Life is full of shaking moments—betrayals, failures, and disappointments that rattle our sense of stability. In John 13:18–38, Jesus prepares His disciples for a night filled with confusion and heartbreak. Judas will betray, Peter will deny, and the rest will scatter. Yet in the middle of the storm, Jesus offers an unshakable love and calls His followers to trust in God’s unshakable plan. This passage reminds us that when people fail us—or when we fail ourselves—Christ’s love holds steady. As we walk through this study, we’ll see that *an unshakable faith develops when, in shaking times, we trust in the unshakable God.*

**Life Group Helps:** Please take a few moments to read through the instructions below in preparation for the following group discussions and the use of the provided material.

### **Before the group meeting:**

1. Spend time engaging the “Passages for Study/Discussion” with prayer.
2. Read through all the material.
  - + As you look through it, you will find helpful tips that will allow you to better facilitate the discussion.
  - + At times, sermon notes may be provided by CBC, and in the meantime, your sermon notes would be beneficial.
3. Think through ways you can help your group to apply what is being taught instead of “knowing” what’s been taught.

### **At the Group Meeting:**

1. Summarize/Read the “Intro”
2. Assign readers for the passages outlined in the “Passages for study” section.
3. Walk your group through each question (or as many that time will allow). Use the leader guide to facilitate the discussion.
4. Summarize the “Review & Reflection” section. Reading this aloud may be

helpful.

5. Share your thoughts on how you and your group can begin to apply what was learned in this lesson. Help them formulate ideas for reading, studying, and meditating on the scriptures.

**Bottom Line: An unshakable faith develops when in shaking times a person trusts in the unshakable God.**

## **I. Main Passages for Study: John 13:18-38**

**Leader's tip:** Reading the main passage is vital every week. Some folks in your Life Group (LG) may have missed Sunday, and they need a deeper context to understand where the discussion is going. We prefer that our LG's get into the Bible for themselves, too. Finally, don't think you need to get through all the questions. This is a guide, and the Holy Spirit and people's needs may dictate more time on one question or another, and therefore, you cannot discuss all the questions... and that is perfectly fine! Enjoy!

## **II. Discussion Questions**

1. **Icebreaker: If you had to pick a "comfort meal", what would it be?**
2. **Read John 13:18-20. Why did Jesus want His disciples to know that His betrayal fulfilled Scripture?**
  - + Psalm 41:9; Acts 2:23
3. **Have you ever been surprised by betrayal or let down by someone close? How did that affect your ability to trust others?**
  - + Micah 7:5-6; 2 Timothy 4:16-17
4. **Judas was close to Jesus outwardly but far from Him inwardly (John 13:21-30). What warning or encouragement do you see in that contrast?**
  - + Matthew 7:21-23; James 1:22
5. **Why does betrayal from "inside the circle" cut deeper than other kinds of hurt?**
  - + Psalm 55:12-14; Zechariah 13:6

- 6. What are some “shaking times” people face today? How do those moments test our faith?**
  - + Hebrews 12:26–28; Psalm 62:1–2
- 7. Read 2 Corinthians 4:17–18. How does Paul’s perspective help you reframe your trials? Where is it hardest for you to believe this?**
  - + Romans 8:18; 1 Peter 1:6–7
- 8. Jesus gives a new command in John 13:34–35. How is “love as I have loved you” different from “love your neighbor as yourself”?**
  - + Leviticus 19:18; Ephesians 4:32– 5:2
- 9. Think of a time when someone loved you well, even after you failed. How did that change you?**
  - + Romans 5:8; Galatians 6:1–2
- 10. In John 13:36–38, Peter promises loyalty but fails. What does Peter’s story teach us about Jesus’ love for us when we stumble?**
  - + Luke 22:31–32, 61–62; John 21:15–19
- 11. Where do you feel “shaken” right now? How can this group pray for you to trust in the unshakable God?**
  - + Isaiah 26:3–4; Philippians 4:6–7