

Session 1: Are You Too Much Like Judas?

Overview: This Sunday we kicked off a new series of talks, "Shallow Christianity". Pastor Dave called us higher and to repentance as a church through this message to examine whether our faith has become shallow, where we believe in Jesus but are there areas in our life we are truly faithfully following Him in. Following Jesus calls us to have deep faith. Looking at Judas' story we are reminded that small compromises, moralizing our own preferences, and seeking approval or convenience can slowly begin to erode our devotion to Jesus. Jesus' wounds should call us into a deeper surrender and devotion and a faith that fully follows Him.

Key Scripture:

- **Matthew 27:28-31**
- **John 12:3-8**
- **Ephesians 4:27**
- **James 1:14-15**
- **Matthew 26:14-16**
- **John 13:20-27**
- **Matthew 26:47-54**
- **Matthew 27:2-10**
- **Matthew 10:38-39**

Discussion Questions:

1. When you hear the phrase "Shallow Christianity" what comes to mind? What are some ways it may be showing up in your life?
2. Pastor Dave touched on how Jesus isn't calling us just to believe, but to follow Him - What do you think is the difference and what it looks like to not just believe but to follow Jesus?
3. Judas betrayed Jesus for silver, but Pastor Dave spoke to how we trade our devotion to Jesus for far less (approval of others, convenience, comfort, bitterness, small compromises), Which of these do you feel pulls you away from wholehearted devotion to Jesus?
4. The message said how Satan doesn't force us to do things we don't want to, but that he empowers us to do things that go against God - how can spiritual practices such as prayer, worship, scripture and accountability help us move toward God instead?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for Jesus, we pray you would cultivate a deeper devotion in our hearts and lives to you Lord, reveal any areas of our hearts and lives that are shallow, compromising and any unrepentant sin, and giving us the strength to turn from these things and follow you fully devoted, in Jesus name, Amen.

