**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. April 30, 2017**

**Lessons We Learn From Judas’s Betrayal**

ACTS 1:12-26

**Key truth:** What we believe about the Bible is important to how we live our lives.

1. The Bible is trustworthy.

 A. It’s a guide for daily life. Psalm 119:9

 B. It’s infallible. John 17:17

 C. It’s shows us the consequences of sin.

 D. It reveals future events. Psalm 69:25, Psalm 109:8,

 John 17:12

 E. It reveals the motivation of our hearts. Hebrews 4:11-13

 F. It reveals to us the person and purposes of God.

2. The sovereignty of God

 A. God is in control.

 B. God is all knowing. John 6:64, John 13:36-38

 C. God has a purpose that will not be thwarted.

 D. His purpose is clearly seen through the life of

 Jesus Christ.

3. The responsibility of humanity.

 A. We are responsible for the choices we make.

 Matthew 26:14-16, James 1:12-15

 B. We must choose to trust God with our lives.

 C. We are responsible for how we respond to betrayal.

 D. Don’t allow betrayal to make you bitter.

**Taking it Beyond the Walls:** Leave vengeance in the hands of God. Trust that God is working all things for your good and for His glory.

**Connection Group Study Questions**

For the Week of April 30, 2017

Looking back at your notes from this weekend’s message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

 “I have encountered so many people who are bitter about being betrayed by other Christians that it appears to me as if we are having an epidemic of such bitterness.” Ajith Fernando

Why does betrayal by a fellow Christian seem to hurt the worst? How have you dealt with betrayal? Did it make you better or bitter?

Read Genesis 50:15-21. Was Joseph better or bitter regarding his brothers’ betrayal? What evidence can you give that supports your answer?

How did Joseph view the sovereignty of God and the responsibility of his brothers?

Read Ephesians 4:30-32: What role does the Holy Spirit play in our lives when it comes to forgiveness? How can we grieve the Holy Spirit?

Read ACTS 1:14-16: Why is it important for us to continue in prayer and Scripture reading.

Read Luke 22:3-6. If the Scriptures foretold of Judas betrayal do you think he had a choice in whether or not he betrayed Jesus?