

Talk It Over

Questions are prepared each week and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used immediately following the sermon, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church.

Discuss

1. How do you explain the change in the Jerusalem crowd from welcoming Jesus on Sunday to calling for his crucifixion on Friday? How could people be so fickle?
2. Why is relational betrayal so painful? Given how often it occurs, why are we still so surprised by it? Do you agree that relational betrayal is one of the most painful wounds human beings experience?
3. Have you experienced a significant relational betrayal in your own life? Can you appropriately share (leave out names or identifying details) your experience? Were there ways in which you contributed to the relational fracture? How did you move on?
4. In what ways is the knowledge that Jesus experienced the pain of “fickle friends” a comfort or help to you? How does Jesus’s example help you navigate your own relational pain?
5. Is there a relationship in which you are being a “fickle friend”? How is the Holy Spirit prompting you to change in this relationship?
6. When is it ok to let a relationship go? When do relationships need to change? Why types of relationships should be seen as enduring?



