

"When we were kids, we often played where there were "good guys" and "bad guys." In most of the movies we watch there are those who are inherently evil and those who are good. The reality of this world is that humanity is more complex than that. We are good, in that we are created in the image and likeness of a good God, but we also are sinful, evil by nature and choice. Judas is a complex character who is neither entirely evil, nor entirely good. Join us this week as we look at this complicated man and the role He plays in the overarching narrative of the Bible."

LifeGroup Schedule

Introduction Activity

In books or movies, who is your favorite "bad guy" and why?

God Encounters

Have people share ways in which they've seen God working in their day to day lives.

Biblical Passages

Skim through the book of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, looking for Judas' name to come up. Read them aloud and trace Judas' story through the Gospels.

Discussion Questions
Application Questions
Closing Prayer

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What do you notice about the overarching narrative of Judas in the Gospels? What stands out to you?
- 2. How is Judas complex as a "bad guy" in the Scriptures? Why do you think he is presented the way he is in the overarching narrative of the Bible?
- 3. What do you make of Judas' death? Why did his story end like this? What could it have ended up like in light of Christ's death and resurrection?
- 4. For fun, reimagine Judas' story in light of the Gospel and his repentance. What could Judas' story told us about the length the Good News of Jesus' forgiveness goes?

Application Questions:

- In what ways do you see yourself in Judas' story?
- 2. How are you a "bad guy" with a complicated story? What is your redemption story?