SERMON SERIES: The Cost **SPEAKER**: Jason Epperson

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Introduction

- Share a time when you were betrayed or left out. How did you feel?
- Share a time when you betrayed someone or left them out. How did you feel then?
- How do people in the world respond when someone betrays them?

Seek the Word

Read Luke 22:1-30.

- One theory about Judas's betrayal was that he was trying to force him to stand up and save his people from Rome. This is manipulation and is a form of betrayal. How is this betrayal? (It is using people to get the outcome you want.) How do people feel when they find out you are manipulating them to get what you want?
- Other people theorize that Judas betrayed Jesus because he was tired of dealing with the Romans and didn't want to do it anymore. He wanted Jesus to act. What do you think about this theory of Judas's betrayal?
- According to verse 15, how did Jesus feel about being with his disciples? (He eagerly desired to be with them and have the Passover dinner with them.)
- In the Old Testament, what did the celebration of Passover represent? See Exodus 12 if you need a reminder. (It reminded people of the deliverance from slavery in Egypt.)
- According to verses 17-22, what did the bread and wine now represent? (Jesus's body and blood.) How is Jesus changing the meaning of Passover in these verses? (It is now deliverance from the slavery of sin and death.)
- In verses 23-30, the disciples began to argue over who was more important. What did Jesus tell them about arguing over greatness? (The real power lies in servanthood and sacrifice. It is different from the power of the rest of the world.)

Talk About It

- How did Jesus sacrifice change things for the whole world?
- Does his death and resurrection change anything for you? Has it truly made a difference in your life? How or how has it not?