



## Part 2: Sit with Me

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Some conversations are simply better had  
when you're sitting down.

### Matthew 26:20-25

When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?"

Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?"

Jesus answered, "You have said so."

Jesus initiated a hard but necessary conversation

Jesus had the courage to "go there"

Jesus embraced the rejection of Judas for the truth of the conversation

Jesus left his comfort zone to have this conversation

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. – Romans 5:8*

When we were absolutely helpless in the grip of sin, Jesus extracted himself from the comfort of home to step across time and space to rescue us.

**Application:** Are we willing to follow the example of Jesus and leave our comfort zone for the sake of another?

Jesus brings his friends to a place of confrontation and understanding (vs. 26-30)

### **Matthew 26:26-30**

<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

<sup>30</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus was willing to be misunderstood in the conversation

Jesus was willing to live out the truth of his conversation

Jesus was willing to offer grace and truth in the conversation

### **Next Steps**

#### **Starting Spiritual Conversations Class**

4 Mondays, October 5–26 | 6:30–8:15 PM in Room 213 • \$15

This class will help you find natural beginnings for spiritual conversations, learn to share your story, and explain God's story when the time is right.

*See CTK Life page 9 for registration info and page 7 for childcare info.*

### **Discussion Questions**

- 1) What's your favorite topic of conversation?
- 2) What's the most difficult conversation someone has initiated with you? Were you sitting down when the conversation took place?
- 3) How does the extent of God's love impact the way you approach and receive Communion?
- 4) What are some conversation topics that make it difficult to "go there"? What wisdom can you share about a way to approach or answer that difficult topic? What scripture is important about that topic?
- 5) Did you connect at Connect Weekend? Where is God asking you to grow or serve?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?