

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## *How to Avoid the Biggest Mistake of Your Life* The Gospel of Mark — Week 66

**ICEBREAKER:** How would you define “freedom”?

**OVERVIEW:** To err is human. Everyone makes mistakes. Even more to the point, everyone sins. There’s no way to avoid making every mistake, but there is one mistake that we can avoid. It is a mistake we *must* avoid. It’s called the Judas Mistake. **The Judas Mistake is to reject the One who came to pay for your mistakes.** In this discussion we will do deeper with Sunday’s sermon about how to avoid the biggest mistake in life.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday’s message?)
2. What is one of your biggest mistakes in life?
3. Read Mark 10:17-22.
  - a. Was Jesus really saying that we must sell our possessions and give the money to the poor in order to go to heaven? Explain.
  - b. What was this man’s biggest mistake?
  - c. How is this man’s mistake similar to Judas Iscariot’s mistake?

4. Read Mark 14:12-21. Jesus was sharing the Passover meal with His disciples. Paul later wrote that Christ is our Passover who has been sacrificed for us (1 Corinthians 5:7). What was the Passover Feast, and how is Christ our Passover?
5. Scholars believe that the seating arrangement at the Last Supper placed Judas to the left of Jesus as the guest of honor. Why do you think Jesus allowed Judas to sit there?
6. Read Mark 14:21 again. Judas’ fate — eternal hell — was so bad that Jesus said it would have been better if he had never been born. How do we know that Judas didn’t go to hell because of His betrayal of Christ?
7. How do we know that Judas didn’t go to hell because of his suicide?
8. The Judas Mistake is rejecting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Why is this the biggest mistake that you can make in your life?
9. Have you decided to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
10. How is accepting Christ as Lord and Savior the best decision that you can make in life?

**The Last Word:** “Anyone who believes in Him is not condemned, but anyone who does not believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the One and Only Son of God.”  
John 3:18