# The Focused Jesus: Jesus’ ministry in the last week of His mortal life John 12:1-19:42

# John 12-19

## The priorities of Jesus in the last week of His life

## He prepared well (12:1-11)

## He went with the flow but kept control (12:12-19)

## He kept His word (Ch12 & 13)

## He did the low jobs (13:1-17)

## He prepared His people for change and shared His vision of the future (14:15-31)

## He mapped out that future and showed the effect it would have on the world (15:1-27)

## He acknowledged the emotional journey the disciples are having (16)

## He prays for Himself, the disciples and the church (17)

## He keeps His eye on the ball (18-19)

# Keep your eye on the ball

## God has a mission for each person

### Jesus’ mission from the Father was to go to the cross

#### He is resolute

#### He keeps control

## With friends like that…

### The controlling Judas

#### Betrays Jesus, but Jesus did not betray Him

### The irresolute Peter

#### Abandons Jesus, but Jesus doesn’t abandon Peter

## Jesus does not make Peter or Judas His priority at this point

### He stays on mission

# God has given you a mission

## Your mission may not be my mission

## There are times when your mission will come first

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# The people in the story

## Read John 13:18-30

### Why do you think Judas betrayed Jesus?

##### See Jn 6:71; 12:4f; 13:2,27-30; 18:2-5

#### Was it his destiny? Was he specifically chosen so that he would betray Jesus? How much choice do you think he had?

##### Explain your thinking

## Read John 13:31-38

### Why do you think Peter denied Jesus?

##### See Jn 18:15-18, 25-27

#### Was it his destiny? Was he specifically chosen so that he would deny Jesus? How much choice do you think he had?

##### Explain your thinking

## The other disciple (18:15)

### Some think this is John (a Galilean fisherman), others think it’s someone else

#### Who do you think it is and at what point does he ‘melt away’ from the scene?

# Staying on mission

## What’s the difference between being in control and being controlling?

### In this story (Jn 18-19) point out those who are in control and those who are controlling

#### Who wins?

## What do you consider to be your ‘mission(s)’ at your stage of life?

### How do you go about it?

### What results do you want to see?

## What do your family/friends think of your ‘mission’?

## How do you ‘take advice’ and be open to the Spirit working through other people but stay on mission?

### See 1 Kings 13

#### How does this change your thinking?