

John 13:1-17 | Pastor Steve Wells | 07.17.2022
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This week Pastor Steve spoke on **John 13:1-17**. Re-read these verses and discuss the passage and questions below with your Small Group or Family.

John 13:1-17 Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

"13 Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that His hour had come to leave this world and return to His Father. He had loved His disciples during His ministry on earth, and now He loved them to the very end. 2 It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had given Him authority over everything and that He had come from God and would return to God. 4 So He got up from the table, took off His robe, wrapped a towel around His waist, 5 and poured water into a basin. Then He began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel He had around Him. 6 When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to Him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will." 8 "No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me." 9 Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!" 10 Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you." 11 For Jesus knew who would betray Him. That is what He meant when He said, "Not all of you are clean." 12 After washing their feet, He put on His robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? 13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. 14 And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. 15 I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. 16 I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. 17 Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them."

- How do you think Jesus was feeling during this evening?
 - How do you think Jesus was feeling towards Peter?
 - How do you think Jesus was feeling towards Judas?
- What do you think Judas was thinking during this evening?

In **verse 6**, Peter is confused and does not want Jesus to wash his feet. After Jesus gives Peter the reason—"Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me"—Peter wants Jesus to wash all of him—then he wants Jesus to wash all of him.

- Why do you think Peter did NOT want Jesus to wash his feet?
- Why do you think Peter wanted Jesus to wash all of him after Jesus explained the reason?

Jesus knew it was time for Him to leave this world. He knew what was already in motion and what was to come. He also knew what His disciples needed and would need during this time and after His crucifixion.

In **verse 16**, Jesus tells His disciples "slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message.". Jesus was here as their leader and Lord but serving them. He was here as the messenger with authority given to Him by God and chose not to change the events planned.

- Can you think of a time where it was hard to remember that you were not greater (better) than the ones you were leading?
- How hard is it to remember when delivering a message of importance that you are not more important?
- What can or do you do to keep yourself in check of your own importance in comparison to those around you?
- How would life be different if you prioritized selflessly serving one person every single day?
- How many days are you willing to commit to trying this - this coming week? (2 days, 3 Days, 5 days, 7 days).
- What impact would this discipline make in your life and in your spiritual growth?

Re-read **verses 13-17**, what does this mean for us today?

- How do we apply this to our lives?
- What parts of this story stand out to you?
 - Is there anything that stood out differently today than in the past? If so, why do you think that is?
- What is your biggest takeaway from today's message and Go Deeper?