

Context

This sermon series focuses on the passion of Jesus Christ. As we enter into Lent, it's our desire as a church family to remember the death and to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Scriptures in this series are taken from John's gospel (chapters 13-20), and each sermon emphasizes key statements made by Jesus. Each statement gives a clear declaration of who He is and the power that's His.

This week we'll see that Jesus led His disciples into this final week of His life by His humble act of serving in washing their feet. This is His way of preparing them for what is soon to unfold. In the process of doing so, Jesus makes the statement: "I have set you an example". This statement points to a life-style that draws one close to the heart of Jesus.

Questions for Study – Read John 13:1-17

1. In verse 1 of chapter 13 it says that Jesus: "now showed the full extent of his love." After reading through the entire passage expand on what this means.
2. Re-read verse 3. Why do you think this piece of information is so crucial in understanding the magnitude of what was happening in that moment? What would have been going through your mind if you'd been there in person to witness vs. 4?
3. Re-read verses 8-9. What was "most important" to Peter? What trumped him taking offense that Jesus would wash his feet?
4. Re-read verse 12. Describe what you think the tone of the room was like at this point in the story.
5. Summarize in your own words the instruction we get from verse 15.
6. What "foot washing" type opportunities come your way? Which ones are you most quick to pass by?
7. How in the next 7 days can you identify with Christ by doing the "lowly things" that come your way?
8. If you did those things what would that produce in your life and in the lives of those around you? (The next time you come together as a group share stories of what you did and how it impacted yourself and others.)