

Life Group Homework

JOHN 13:1-20 – The King as a Humble Servant

Getting Started:

1. If you were told as you came into group tonight that we were all going to take off our shoes and wash each other's feet, what thoughts, concerns, and fears would you have? (Both as the one washing someone's feet and as the one having your feet washed by someone else.)

Digging In:

1. We often don't want to minister to those who we think might reject us, hurt us, or betray us, but throughout this chapter it is clear that Jesus already knows that Judas Iscariot will betray Him—yet He includes Judas in the foot washing and the Lord's Supper. How might we learn from this example that Christ set? (Try to give specific applications.)

2. Why is Peter so adamant that Christ should not be washing his feet (vs. 8)?

3. Read *Luke 22:24-27*. It may be that Jesus washes the disciples' feet between verses 24 and 25 of this passage. How might this help us understand the example that Jesus set when he washed the disciples' feet? (See *John 13:12-14* especially.)

4. In verse 12 Jesus asks the disciples, “*Do you know what I have done to you?*” How would you have answered Jesus if He was asking you that question in that same circumstance? (See *Matthew 23:5-12* and *Mark 9:35* to inform your discussion.)

5. How do we practically follow the example of Christ in washing the disciples’ feet? Is it in the act of actually washing each other’s feet? Is it in the process of confessing our sin to one another? Or is it fulfilled in simply living as a humble servant toward one another and not exalting ourselves?

6. Verse 1 of this chapter ends with a statement of Jesus loving his disciples to the end. How does this act of washing their feet demonstrate that love?

Living It Out:

1. What acts of spiritual service do we typically consider to be beneath us?

2. Why do we consider something to be beneath us?