

The True Servant (John 13)

Questions: Week Thirteen

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

Topics: <u>Ambition</u>, <u>Attitude</u>, <u>Example</u>, <u>Forgiveness</u>, <u>Glory</u>, <u>Greatness</u>, <u>Help</u>, <u>Honor</u>, <u>Humility</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Life-style</u>, <u>Love</u>, <u>Ministry</u>, <u>Motives</u>, <u>Pride</u>, <u>Self-centeredness</u>, <u>Serving</u>

Open It

- 1. *What is your idea of great customer service?
- 2. In what way does our society instill in us the desire to be served?
- 3. What do your neighbors consider to be signs of high position or status?

Explore It

- 4. What did Jesus know it was time to do? (13:1)
- 5. What had the devil prompted Judas to do? (13:2)
- 6. What did Jesus know that the Father had done? (13:3)
- 7. What did Jesus do when He got up from His meal with the disciples? (13:4-5)
- 8. Why did Peter express shock? (13:6)
- 9. How did Jesus respond to Peter's amazement? (13:7)
- 10. *What did Peter declare he would never allow? (13:8)
- 11. Why was it important for Jesus to wash the disciples' feet? (13:8)
- 12. What did Peter want Jesus to do? (13:9)
- 13. Why did Peter need only his feet washed? (13:10)
- 14. Why did Jesus qualify His statements? (13:11)
- 15. *What did Jesus tell His disciples they should do? (13:12-15)
- 16. *What is the difference between servants and masters? (13:16)
- 17. How did Jesus say that His disciples would be blessed? (13:17)

Get It

- 18. When and why do you find it difficult to allow others to serve you?
- 19. *When and why is it difficult for you to serve others?
- 20. How has Jesus cleansed us?
- 21. *In what way does Jesus wash our feet today?
- 22. In what way are we to wash the feet of others?
- 23. What example did Jesus set for us to follow?
- 24. In what areas do you struggle with being humble?
- 25. What makes being humble so difficult?
- 26. When and why do you feel in competition with other believers?

Apply It

- 27. Who is someone you can serve today? How?
- 28. *Whose service do you need to accept the next time he or she offers?
- 29. What proud attitude do you still exhibit that could benefit from Jesus' example?

Jesus Predicts His Betrayal - John 13:18-30

Topics: <u>Acceptance</u>, <u>Affections</u>, <u>Character</u>, <u>Choices</u>, <u>Evil</u>, <u>Fellowship</u>, <u>Friendship</u>, <u>Hardheartedness</u>, <u>Hypocrisy</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Life-style</u>, <u>Love</u>, <u>Motives</u>, <u>Relationships</u>, <u>Satan</u>

Open It

- 1. What persons in history or literature are known as traitors?
- 2. *Why is trust important to a friendship?

Explore It

- 3. What did Jesus say about the person who shared His bread? (13:18)
- 4. Why did Jesus tell His disciples He would be betrayed? (13:19)
- 5. What did Jesus say about His disciples? (13:20)
- 6. *Why was Jesus troubled? (13:21)
- 7. How did Jesus' disciples respond when He said one of them would betray Him? (13:22)
- 8. What did Peter do? (13:23-24)
- 9. *How did Jesus answer the beloved disciple's question? (13:26)
- 10. What happened to Judas when he took the bread? (13:27)
- 11. What did Jesus say to Judas? (13:27)
- 12. *What did the other disciples think Jesus was telling Judas to do? (13:28-29)
- 13. What did Judas do? (13:30)

Get It

- 14. Why is it hard to maintain an intimate and growing relationship with another person?
- 15. *How would it feel to be betrayed by a close friend?
- 16. Whom do you know who has been hurt by betrayal?
- 17. *What can you do to build trust in all your friendships?
- 18. How do we betray Jesus with our words or by our life-style?
- 19. Why and how are we tempted to betray Jesus?
- 20. What are the consequences of betraying Jesus?

Apply It

- 21. What behavior that betrays your relationship with Jesus will you ask God to help you change?
- 22. *What is the first step you can take toward building trust in one personal relationship this week?

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial - John 13:31-38

Topics: <u>Basics of the Faith</u>, <u>Character</u>, <u>Choices</u>, <u>Denial</u>, <u>Follow</u>, <u>Glory</u>, <u>God</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, <u>Life</u>, <u>Life-style</u>, <u>Love</u>, <u>Loyalty</u>, <u>Sacrifice</u>

Open It

- 1. What can you learn about a person from the way he or she dresses?
- 2. How do people reveal their convictions through their life-style?
- 3. *What does it mean to love someone?

Explore It

- 4. What did Jesus say when Judas had gone? (13:31)
- 5. What did God do through Jesus? (13:32)
- 6. How much longer did Jesus say He would be with His disciples? (13:33)
- 7. Why was Jesus saying farewell? (13:33)
- 8. What was Jesus giving to His disciples? (13:34)
- 9. *What did Jesus command His disciples to do? (13:34)
- 10. *How did Jesus say people would know His disciples? (13:35)
- 11. What question did Peter ask Jesus? (13:36)
- 12. What did Jesus tell Peter? (13:36)
- 13. *What did Peter pledge to do? (13:37)
- 14. What blunt statement did Jesus make about Peter? (13:38)

Get It

- 15. How is God glorified by our behavior?
- 16. *What does it mean for you to love people as Jesus has loved them?
- 17. What kind of love was Jesus talking about?
- 18. *How is love a sign that someone is a disciple of Christ?
- 19. How do we deny Christ with our words or life-style?
- 20. When and why are we tempted to deny Jesus?
- 21. How does our denying Christ affect our relationship with Him as well as our relationships with other Christians?

Apply It

- 22. *Who is someone you need to love as Christ has loved you? How?
- 23. What can you do to stay loyal to Christ this week with either your words or your life-style?
- 24. How can you show Christ's love to others at your place of work, at home, or in your neighborhood?
- 25. What steps can you take to become more loving to others?