

NOTES: John | Serve
February 10-11, 2024
Compelled Church, Pastor Nate Elarton, Lead Pastor

John 13.1-17

1. Jesus is intentional

2. Peter resists the Lord (13.6-9)

This seems noble, but it is Peter's honor of Jesus and his humility not to want it.

But it's his pride that tries to stop it and dictate what Jesus will and will not do.

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What is pride preventing you from receiving?

3. We are to follow Jesus' example with each other and Him.

This is not just a core value for Compelled but first for Christ and all Christians. Serving is helping someone else. Serving is being there. Serving is loving God and loving others.

"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13, NASB95)

4. This was all because of Jesus' love for us.

"Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end." (John 13:1, NASB95)

He knew he was heading to the cross.

a) The cross is **critical** - as the sacrifice, for our forgiveness, for our salvation. So we can know God.

b) The cross is **precious** – It is the demonstration of love (Romans 5.8).

c) The Cross is **powerful**

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How and who can you serve? Start serving them? Improve serving them?

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The intention every week of these extras is for your use. You can use these in a small group. You can use these for more reflective study to hear God. You can use these for a family or couple reflections. Enjoy - P. Nate

1. Who has been a servant to you at work or home? What did they do?
2. How do you serve others?
3. Read John 13.1-17. What are some first observations?
4. What has Jesus been intentional to show you this month?
5. Read John 13.6-9 again. Peter resists the Lord. Have you resisted the Lord, the Holy Spirit, what you knew God was talking to you?
6. Pastor Nate said we resist the Lord because of our pride, which is really saying we don't need help, we don't need God. How did this "hit" you? Is it true to you?

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7. The cross is the personification of the Father's great love for us.
Put into words or into your Journal, a prayer of thanks to God for the cross and how Jesus' sacrifice has changed your life. Share in your small group.

8. Pastor Nate said 3 things about the cross:

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How is the cross the "power of God" to you? How can you make it even more impactful to your life?

Closing Reflective Questions:

- Who's "feet" do you wash?
- What is God saying to you and inviting you to now?
- Do you resist Jesus because of pride? What should you do?

- Who needs you? How can you serve them the love of God?