

Condescending Love— John 13:1-20 January 15, 2023

Join us as Bob McCan opens up John 13 and looks at the divine love and humility of our Saviour, who less than 24 hours after washing his disciples' feet would be crucified for them, and for us.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read - Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- You cannot truly serve others without the humbled and exalted Saviour serving you. Do you understand what He has done? Have you personally experienced His washing? Why not take a moment to speak to another of what the Lord has done for you? (If doing this alone, speak these thoughts to the Lord in prayer).
- Those who are washed or served by the kneeling and exalted Christ will be transformed to serve others even in the most menial tasks. Come up with at least one concrete way that you can do this.
- Christians continue to struggle with thoughts of greatness, which blinds us to the needs of others. Think of one specific example of how this occurs in families and another example of how it occurs in the church.