

"Get Low"

Opening Announcements

Opening Prayer

Q: When you think service, what makes service, "hard"?

Q: What makes it "good"?

Q: Is it ever "easy" to do? What makes it "easy"?

Q: What is the connection between love and service?

Table Time....

READ: John 13:1-11 "Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

Q: What do you notice about verse 1?

Q: What do you notice about verse 2?

Q: What does verse 2, teach us the devil is up to? What's the relationship with that and verse 1.

Q: What's significant about verse 3? How does THAT comfort, encourage and inform what Jesus did for us?

Q: According to verses 4-5, what did Jesus do? How is THAT act, a demonstration of humility?

Q: In verses 6-8, what's Peter's response to Jesus? Why is humility important IF we want to receive what Jesus is offering?

Q: How does pride keep us in that place that Jesus said (you don't understand now)?

Q: What is the line (v 7b) "...but afterward you will understand", pointing to? (Hint: Pentecost).

Q: What does Jesus mean in v. 8 when He says "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."?

Q: For us now, how does baptism remind us of this?

Big Group Debrief...

READ: John 13:12-17 "When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them"

Q: What is the point of this act of humble service for the disciples?

Q: According to verses 14-17, what does Jesus teach us?

Q: What's the "blessedness" He's talking about?

Q: What are some ways you can participate in service like this?

Q: What's a barrier to it?

Q: What's the "blessedness" Jesus is talking about?

Q: How will you deal with the "IF" in the text?