



Small Group
APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!” (James 1:22 NIV)

SUMMARY

As we kicked off Passion Week, Pastor Kenny taught about the final night Christ had with His disciples before His crucifixion from John 13:1-17. In his teaching entitled “The Upper Room: Inside Out”, Pastor Kenny challenged us not to neglect studying the richness of all that Jesus did, all that He felt, and all that He knew...all before He endured the cross for us!

APPLICATION

- 1. SELF-DENIAL: Despite what Jesus knew was coming, He chose to be there. [Vs. 1-2]**
 - If you knew tomorrow would be your last day on earth, what might you do differently?
 - How has the ‘culture of self-satisfaction’ consumed pieces of your life? What have you allowed to be seated on the throne of your heart in place of God lately?
 - Read Philippians 2:2-4. For you, what’s the most difficult part of esteeming others first?
- 2. SECURITY: Jesus knew who He was, where He was from, and where He was going. [Vs. 3]**
 - Pastor Kenny laid out three wrestles of ‘identity’: Acceptance. Security. Significance.
 - From whom do you routinely seek approval and acceptance? Why?
 - What area(s) of your life do you struggle with handing over control the most? Why?
 - What do you want to be most noticed for now, and, remembered for later? Why?
- 3. STEPPING DOWN: Jesus lowered Himself yet always held His authentic value. [Vs. 4]**
 - Posturing: Why do we tend to make things sound better than they really are when we are asked to share our opinion or a story about ourselves?
 - What recent situation did you posture yourself to be seen in a better way?
 - How can you lower yourself and still be authentic in who you are?
- 4. INTIMACY: Jesus desires deeper fellowship with us, requiring a willingness on our part to come to Him and let Him “wash our feet and be cleansed”. [Vs. 5-8]**
 - Define *sanctification*. How does this definition relate to intimacy with Christ?
 - When has the Lord asked you for something and yet you resisted? How did that affect your relationship with Him?
- 5. BLESSED ARE YOU IF YOU DO THESE THINGS: Jesus’s ultimate application point! [Vs. 9-17]**
 - How has your willing obedience to Him resulted in blessing(s) in your life?

PRAYER

Pray that you will be selfless, secure, authentic, intimate and obedient to the Lord this week. Thank Him for all that He did this Passion Week!

