

# Humility Personified

## John 13:1-17

### CONNECTING

1. Welcome and opening prayer.
2. Introduce any guests.
3. What do your neighbors consider to be signs of high position or status? ...signs of low position or status?



### LOVING ONE ANOTHER (Deepening Spiritual Growth)



There were two things on Jesus' heart the night before his crucifixion—his Father and his disciples. In John 13-17, we have the privilege of listening to his conversations with them both. However, before Jesus can instruct his disciples about his death, he has to act out a lesson in servitude. Jesus also shows us the spirit he expects in those who follow him. Greatness in Christ's eyes does not come from having many servants but from being the servant of many.

1. Have you ever been asked to do a demeaning, lowly job? What thoughts went through your mind at that time?
2. Read John 13:1-17. According to John, what did Jesus know about himself (John 13:1-3)?
3. In light of that knowledge, what is remarkable about what Jesus did next (John 13:4-5)?
4. Footwashing was normally done by servants or slaves. Why do you think Jesus washed his disciples' feet instead of simply talking to them about love?
5. What tasks at home, at work or in church would be equivalent to foot-washing?
6. How do you think Jesus felt as he washed Judas's feet?

How do you think Judas felt?

7. Was Peter simply being humble when he refused to allow Jesus to serve him (John 13:6-8)? Explain.
8. What spiritual truth was Jesus trying to communicate to Peter (and to us) in John 13:8-11?
9. When and why do you find it difficult to allow others to serve you? Explain.

10. After he had finished washing the disciples' feet, how did Jesus explain the significance of his actions (John 13:12-17)?
11. Based on Jesus' words in John 13:17, how would you describe the relationship between knowledge, action and joy in the Christian life?
12. What has this chapter revealed to you about your attitude toward serving?
13. In what specific ways can you model the humility of Jesus toward those with whom you live or work? Who is someone you can serve today? How?

### SEEKING GOD (Drawing Near to God)



1. Conversational prayer is a very effective way to pray in a small group. It is a prayer that unites people in conversation with God and with each other. Like normal conversations, anyone can speak (pray) as many times as they wish and several people will often pray in agreement for the same request. (Begin your time by praising God for who He is and what He has done.)
2. Consider praying an application prayer, "Lord, help me to do \_\_\_\_\_(what you have show me during this study)?"

### SHARING CHRIST (Declaring the Good News)



1. During the past month, how have you sought to build relationships with those on your Prayer, Care and Share in order to direct them toward a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?
2. What activities might we do as a group or with another ministry of our church in order to reach out to our unsaved friends?

### SERVING OTHERS (Demonstrating God's Love)



1. God has called us to serve one another within the church and together to serve those within the community. What effect does it have when Christians demonstrate God's love through simple but tangible acts of service to those who do not yet know Jesus Christ personally?
  - o Volunteer for 2nd Harvest Food Distribution, the fourth Friday of each month. Call Dean Van Der Werf 763-561-0146, [derwerf@comcast.net](mailto:derwerf@comcast.net) or sign-up online [www.brooklynparkchurch.org/2harvest](http://www.brooklynparkchurch.org/2harvest).