

March 1 Discussion Questions

“Total Surrender”

John 13:1-15

Review

“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not take up his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple... Any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:26-27, 33 (NIV)

Jesus gave Everything for you

- He became fully **Human** so you could become a child of God (v. 3-4; John 1:12-18)
- He was covered in sin to **Cleanse** you from sin (v. 10; 2 Cor. 5:21)
- He served us **Sacrificially** so we could serve one another (v. 15)

So give everything for Him

- Let your old self **Die** with the One who died for you (v. 8; Rom. 8:13)
- Entrust yourself **Completely** to the One who conquered death for you (v. 13; Rom. 12:1)
- Love His **Bride** as He has loved you (v. 15, 34-35)

“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.... A new commandment I give you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” John 13:14-15, 34-35

Connect

1. Share with the group one of your more humiliating experiences. What did you learn about yourself?
2. Why is it surprising and profound that Jesus would humiliate Himself among His people? How was His humiliation purposeful?

Read John 13:1-15

Discuss

3. What act of humility did Jesus perform in this passage? From what we know of the culture, why was this so humiliating?
4. How did Peter react to Jesus' foot washing? What does this teach us about ourselves?
5. What is the meaning of v.10? What is our continual need? How do we experience this practically?
6. In v.14, did Jesus mean for the disciples to literally follow His example of foot washing? If the example is figurative, how do you understand the greater meaning?
7. According to v.35, how is it that all people will know who Jesus' disciples are? Why do you believe this is true? How does this get fleshed out practically?

Apply

8. The disciples became vulnerable before Jesus when they presented their dirty feet for washing. Why is it difficult to be vulnerable before Jesus? What blessing do we receive for becoming vulnerable?
9. Peter at first pridefully didn't want Jesus to wash his feet. Do you struggle with allowing Jesus to serve you in any way? Is there a vulnerable part of your heart that you hesitate to bring completely to Him for healing?
10. We need a daily cleansing (v.10) because of our indwelling sin. How are we to fight this sin? Do we ignore it, tolerate it, or crucify it? Give a reason for your answer based on your personal success or failure in fighting sin.
11. In response to Jesus' new commandment in v.34, how is God specifically calling you to humbly love and serve someone? How will you find the ability to fulfill this extraordinary form of love?

Pray

12. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lay a specific person on your heart to love in an extraordinary way. Then ask God to give you the ability to fulfill that act of love.