

Redeem Church Life Group Discussion Guide (10-15-17)
Washing Feet Our Way Of Life - From John 13

John 13 opens a significant piece of Jesus final days of earthly ministry. Chapters 13-17 are known as “The Upper Room Discourse,” in which Jesus is ending his public ministry and transitioning his attention onto his final preparation of his disciples who will carry on His Kingdom ministry. His 12 men will experience a level of closeness & depth with Jesus they had not known before.

As believers we are to “become like Jesus” but what does that actually mean for us who are living 2,000 years after he walked the earth and 6,802 miles from the town & culture He existed?

Q? If you, your family & our church were “more like Jesus”, what would be different? How would that actually look?

In Your Group, Read Aloud - John 13:1-17:

Q? What stands out, impacts, or surprises you in Jesus teaching here? **Explain:**

Read aloud in your group Philippians 2:5-9 followed by John 13:4-5

Q? Can you see a picture, parable or lesson of Jesus coming suffering & death in His action of feet washing? Why might this be significant or note worthy?

Discuss:

It is possible to bow low in order to wash another’s feet in a way that draws attention to self while serving our desired to be viewed as spiritual or humble.

Q? How might this foot-washing, viewed as a parable of Jesus’ death, help us consider & process the matter of our motives?

Q? What are some of the spiritual & directional lessons Jesus is wanting us to get from the picture of foot washing? **Discuss:**

In John 13:14 Jesus calls us to wash one another's feet. (In actual foot washing & by serving one another) But often times the greater challenge is allowing others to wash our feet.

Q? Which do you find more challenging: "washing feet" or allowing others to wash your feet by serving you? **Why? Explain:**

In this passage Jesus suggests that those who have believed on Him as savior & Lord are already clean or bathed. **(A picture of baptism)** Though we are clean spiritually, we still need daily "foot washing" which is a picture of daily repentance in order to be cleansed of the dirt we pick up as we journey through life.

Q? How do we promote "Daily Repentance & Cleansing" in others we serve?

Q? If we were to be more Christ like as His church, what are some areas of "foot washing you or we could improve?

Close your group time by praying for Redeem Church and the needs of one another.