

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Living out the gospel with
one another in our homes

John 13:1-20 - John Brewer
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In Chapter 13, at the time of Passover, John tells us the story of the “Upper Room Discourse” as he experienced it. Jesus humbled himself to the point of the lowest servant by washing the feet of his disciples. This included those who would doubt him, deny him, and even betray him.

Points

To grow in Christ, we must

- Let Him serve us first
- Serve like him
- Understand the power of His grace

Discussion Questions:

1. Jesus tells Peter, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” Why did Peter need to be cleansed and why do we need to be cleansed?” Why does Peter change his response so quickly?
2. Ted cited Keller’s idea of being “Middle Class” in spirit instead of “poor in spirit” (Matthew Ch 5). Why do we find it difficult to be served by Christ?
3. What is the example set by Jesus? How do we have the power to serve sinners, even our enemies and those who hate us? How is this going for us now?
4. In John 13:16, Jesus tells them (and us) that “a servant is not greater than his master.” Ted exhorted us with some reminders:

- Knowledge has to go from head to heart before it gets to our hands. (“It’s a heart issue”)
- We’ll never serve like Jesus unless we grasp the sacrifice of Jesus.
- If worship isn’t transforming us, we are worshipping ourselves.

What barriers do we find to transformational worship that results in sacrificial service?