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Servant Love

John 13:1-20

Foot washing was an act reserved for the lowliest of all servants. A teacher would never stoop to such a low position. In John 13:1-20, Jesus assumes the role of a servant and washes the disciples' feet. Jesus states He has given us an example to follow. In the passage are many verses that point to something beyond the foot washing. Jesus' service of foot washing points to His ultimate act of service, dying on the cross for our sins.

Additional Verses:

Acts 4:32-35

Romans 5:8

Hebrews 1:1

1 John 1:8-10

Outline:

1. Jesus models humble service for us to imitate.

2. Jesus' humble service of foot washing points to His great act of service the cross.

Study Questions:

1. Why does John not describe the Passover meal in detail? Where does he want our focus?

2. What would your reaction be to Jesus washing your feet? What emotions would you feel as He did?

3. Why does Jesus wash Judas' feet? What instruction does this teach us?

4. What is Jesus' ultimate act as a servant? Why do people miss seeing Jesus?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?