

Connect Group study

John 13 (part 1)

Jesus washing the disciples' feet was one of the most poignant things they would have ever experienced, and would no doubt have stayed with them forever. This study delves into this story and encourages us to think through how we might follow Jesus' example.

If you were with a group of people that you loved, and you knew that it was the last evening you'd spend with them before your death, how do you think you'd spend that time?

Read John 13:1-17

Reflect

- Q1. What strikes you most about this passage? Explain your answer.
- Q2. Why do you think Jesus chose to do what He did in the upper room that evening?
- Q3. Why do you think the disciples hadn't taken the initiative that Jesus took? (NB Luke 22:24)
- Q4. How do you think they would have been impacted by what Jesus did for them?

Respond

- Q5. The disciples certainly would have been moved by what Jesus did for them. Does Jesus' example here provoke you to live differently? If so, how?
- Q6. What might 'foot-washing' look like for us today? What kinds of jobs might we avoid in the same way the disciples avoided this one?
- Q7. You might call what Jesus did 'see a need, meet a need'. How do you think it might change us if we lived with more of this mind-set?

Think of one way you will endeavour to live differently this week as a result of Jesus' example. Pray for one another into this area.

Key verse(s)

I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. (John 13:15 NIV)