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MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Foot Washing: Love In Action

Jesus Knew (Jn. 13:1-3, 11)

- A. That 'his hour' had come (13:1a, 3b)
 1. His hour anticipated (Jn. 2:4; 7:30; 8:20)
 2. His hour acknowledged as imminent (Jn. 12:23, 27)
 3. His hour had arrived (Jn. 13:1a)
- B. That the Father had given everything into his hands (13:3a)
- C. That the devil had put into Judas' heart to betray him (13:2, 11)

Jesus' Love: To Be Received (Jn. 13:1b, 4-11)

- A. He loved 'his own' to the fullest extent (13:1b)
- B. Motivated by what he knew and his deep love (13:4a)
- C. Jesus washed the disciples' feet (13:4-5)
 1. Laid aside his outer clothing
 2. Took a towel and tied it around himself
 3. Poured water into a basin
 4. Washed the disciples' feet
 5. Dried their feet with the towel
- D. Peter's struggle to receive (13:6, 8a, 9)
 1. Peter resists Jesus' servanthood (13:6, 8a; Mk. 8:31-33)
 2. Peter relents, but still misunderstands
- E. Jesus helps Peter to receive (13:7, 8b, 10)
 1. You'll understand later (13:7)
 2. If I don't wash your feet, you'll have no part with me. (13:8b)
 3. Because you have bathed, only your feet need washing. (13:10a)

4. You are already completely clean (13:10b)
5. Jesus washing the disciples' feet pointed to his crucifixion

Jesus' Example: To Be Imitated (Jn. 13:12-17)

- A. We are commanded to follow Jesus' example (13:12-15)
 1. Not ritualistically
 2. Not sacramentally
- B. We sacrificially wash one another's feet (Jn. 13:16-17; 1 Jn. 3:16)