

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

JOHN 13:1-17

Ice-breaker: Share a time when you were humbled, or when someone else did something kind for you that demonstrated humility.

DISCUSSION 1: HEART

1. What does 13:1 tell us about Christ's love for his sheep? Why do we need to remember this?
2. What might 13:7 reveal about Peter's heart in this moment? How are we sometimes like Peter?
3. How does Jesus' response to Peter point to Peter's need and inability to provide the solution, but also to Jesus' perfect ability to provide what he needed?

DISCUSSION 2: HUMILITY

1. Why was washing someone's feet such a humbling act in Jesus's day?
2. What does this act of humility to serve the disciples reveal about Jesus? About his purpose in coming? And about the needs of the disciples?
3. Why are we hesitant to humble ourselves and serve others like Jesus did?
4. How does reflecting on the humility of Jesus, and how he humbly served you, motivate humility in how you serve others?
5. What is one way you can kill pride and cultivate humility this week in how you serve or relate to others?

DISCUSSION 3: HOLINESS

1. What does it mean for Jesus to make us clean? (For more, see the verses on being "clean" in the For Further Study section.)
2. Do you believe that Jesus—through his sacrifice for us on the cross—has made you fully clean? (Clean to the deepest part of who you are, and clean from every shameful and sinful thing you've done.) How might you know if you are truly believing that versus doubting it?
3. Where or when do you need to remember and rest in this the most?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Why did Jesus wash the disciples' feet? What does it tell us about the person and work of Jesus?
2. What is pride? What is humility?
3. Why is it good to fight pride and grow humility?

FOR FURTHER STUDY

- **Humility:** Ephesians 4:2; Philippians 2:3; James 4:10; John 3:30; Colossians 3:12; 1 Peter 5:6; Proverbs 18:12; 29:23; Psalm 25:8-9.
- **Clean:** 1 Corinthians 6:11; John 15:3; Titus 3:4-7; 1 John 1:9; Hebrews 9:14; 10:22; Ephesians 5:26.