

Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John
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Loving Like Jesus (John 13:1-20)

- 1. The Supreme *Example* of Love**
- 2. The Staggering *Extent* of Love**
- 3. The Selfless *Essence* of Love**
- 4. The Source of *Energy* to Love**
- 5. The Soul-Satisfying *Effect* of Love**

For Further Thought and Discussion:

Getting Started:

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?

2. Think of a recent time you asked someone to help you learn a skill/practice. Share your experience with the group.

Going Deeper:

3. Why does Jesus wash the disciples' feet (vv. 4-5, 12-16)? Why would this action have been so shocking to the disciples? What kind of "example" (v.15) is Jesus giving them? What principles about love is Jesus teaching his disciples through his action? What kind of behavior should characterize followers of Jesus (see v. 20)?
4. Compare Jesus' action in John 13 (esp. vv. 3-5, 12-16) with Paul's words in Philippians 2:1-11. What parallels can you find between these two passages? How is foot-washing a picture of what Jesus will do at the cross (compare John 13:1 with 19:30; see also 13:6-10)?
5. Why is it significant that Jesus washes both Judas and Peter's feet. How does Jesus demonstrate the selfless essence of love in this passage?
6. What does Jesus say we will experience if we follow his example (v. 17; see also Acts 20:35)? How does this transform the way we think about self-sacrifice (see also John 12:24-26)?

Application:

7. To follow Jesus' example of love in this passage, we must (1) use our advantages for another, (2) serve wholly for the benefit of others (and not expect anything from them in return), (3) love in response to Jesus' love for us, and (4) remember how Jesus' defines the good life. Which of these principles stood out to you? Why?
8. What's one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?