

Many Rooms

The 'Way of Life' Series

Connecting with others around the presence of Jesus, & growing spiritually
by understanding and applying God's Word, together.

Week One: John 13:1-5

PREPARE and PRAY

Breathe deeply, settle in, and prepare to meet with God. Then **invite God to speak** to you through His Word.

READ and LISTEN

Slowly read this week's Scripture several times. As you read, **listen to the Holy Spirit** with your heart and mind.

SUMMARIZE and REFLECT

On this page or in a journal, **summarize the core teaching** of these verses. **Ask God for insight** as you reflect on and answer the following questions.

1. What is one thing Jesus's words and/or actions reveal about God?
2. In your own words, what does Jesus say about who a disciple is and what disciples do?

DIG and DISCOVER

Take a closer look at God's truth. Let these questions and insights **deepen your understanding** as you prepare to apply God's word.

"Nowhere else is [Jesus's] speech at once so simple and so deep. Nowhere else have we the heart of God so unveiled to us... The immortal words which Christ spoke in that upper chamber are His highest self-revelation in speech, even as the Cross to which they led up is His most perfect self-revelation in act." - Alexander Maclaren (19th century Scottish preacher, who wrote this about John chapters 13-17)

Outline of John 13:1-5:

- Jesus and His disciples at a last meeting before His arrest (v1)
- The heart of Judas and the heart of Jesus (v2-3)
- Jesus washes His disciples' feet (v4-5)

Questions for Digging Deeper:

Verse 1 says, "Jesus had loved his own."

- Who is Jesus's own? Why and how has he loved them/us?
- What other Scriptures describe Jesus's love for his own?
- Read Ephesians 1:4-5. What impresses you about the way Jesus displays His love?

Verse 3 tells us that Jesus knew His authority.

- Read Ephesians 1:21 & Colossians 1:15-17.
- Now describe Jesus's greatness in your own words.

Verse 3 also reminds us Jesus knew His identity, as one who, "had come from God and was returning to God, yet He humbled Himself."

- Read Philippians 2:7-8 and describe Jesus' humility.

According to first century Jewish law and tradition, teachers had no right to demand or expect his disciples to wash his feet. So, it was unthinkable, then, that the Master would wash His disciples' feet.

- How is Jesus's act of washing His disciples' feet a parable in action, when this was a custom reserved only for servants?
- What does it reveal about God?

Read Matt 26:17-25; Mark 14:12-21; Luke 22:7-13

- What do you learn from these other Last Supper accounts?
- What is The Passover, and why is it significant that the Last Supper occurs during the Jewish celebration of The Passover?

John 13:1 tells us "Jesus knew the hour had come."

- What is this "hour"?

RESPOND and COMMIT

Ask God how he wants you to **respond to His Word** today and this week. **Commit to one step** of action and **share it** with someone you know.