

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 Three: John 13:12-20

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.

*"There are too many of us who are quite willing to trust Jesus Christ as the cleanser of our souls
but who are not nearly so willing to accept His example as the pattern for our lives."*

Alexander Maclaren

- Read Philippians 2:1-10 with today's reading.
Why is Jesus' action so surprising? What do you learn about humility and service in these passages?
- We, like the disciples, would gladly wash the feet of Jesus. But He tells us to wash one another's feet.
How is God calling you to humbly serve others?
- Jesus clearly said, "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." (vs 17)
What blessings have you experienced through serving others? How does this align with Jesus's words in Acts 20:35?
- Jesus said "I know whom I have chosen." He was not surprised by the betrayal that would happen. Like Judas, we too have a rebellious nature and must choose to either succumb or overcome.
What sin or stronghold do you need to overcome?
- In Middle Eastern culture, eating together showed true friendship, so there was no treachery worse than to eat at a person's table and then betray him. Psalm 41:9 describes an experience in David's life that Jesus said was fulfilled in His life.
How does the fulfillment of Scripture give us confidence to trust Jesus, especially when we experience painful circumstances?
- Christians in America too often individualize our relationship with God and isolate ourselves from other believers. But the Bible teaches that our faith is certainly personal, but never private. Jesus commands us **all** to wash one another's feet... and that requires pretty close personal contact!
How can we "wash one another's feet" today? Check out these passages for ideas: 1 John 3:16-18; Romans 12:9-21; Ephesians 4:32; Galatians 6:1-3; Romans 14:15; James 5:13-14; Hebrews 10:23-25

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.