

**Sermon Study | modgniK**  
**Others First | John 13:1-17**  
**October 20, 2019**

*Dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help you guide your group discussion.*

**On the night before His crucifixion, Jesus acts out a lesson in servitude. He shows us the spirit He expects in those who follow Him: He puts others first. When we find our identity in Jesus—when we know we are His children and part of His family—we can serve others in any capacity. Greatness in Christ's eyes does not come from having many servants but from being the servant of many. He gives us His spirit to be able to go, serve and love!**

**Warm-up question: Describe a time when you were asked to do a demeaning or dirty job.**

**\*Note to Leaders: Spend some time reading these verses together as a group. Maybe read them out loud or in a few different versions. Or print off the Scripture and take time as a group to underline and circle certain repeated words or things that stand out to you.**

**Read John 13:1-9.**

- According to vs. 1-3, Jesus already *knows* He's going to die soon. In light of that knowledge, what is remarkable about what He does next in vs. 4-5? What task do you do now that is most like washing feet?
- How and why do you think Peter reacts the way he does in vs. 6-8? What spiritual truth do you think Jesus is trying to get across in vs. 8? When do you have a hard time letting others do for you? In what area of your life are you telling Jesus 'no' and why?
- Where might pride may be keeping you from acknowledging your need for Him?

**Read John 13:10-17.**

- Jesus wants His actions to sink in with the disciples. What action steps does He give them? What are the barriers that are keeping you from taking those same action steps (busyness, your title, waiting for the perfect opportunity)?
- The job changes when you know who you're doing it for. How does your position as a child of God change your attitude toward serving?
- Twice in these verses Jesus tells us to 'do.' What do you think God is asking you to DO to die to yourself each day and follow the example He left us to serve and love others well?

**Reflect:**

- What is God saying to you through His word?
- How and when will you respond?

**DAILY BIBLE READING**

Need a review of what we're reading in Daily Bible Reading? Here's a glance at how we're being challenged this week (subscribe at [tpcc.org/dailybiblereading](http://tpcc.org/dailybiblereading)):

**Day One: Matthew 7:12 | The Golden Rule.**

**Day Two: John 13:1, 4-5 | Modeling humility.**

**Day Three: John 13:6-8 | 'No' Peter protested.**

**Day Four: John 13:12-14 | Your identity as His child.**

**Day Five: John 13:15-17 | God is willing to do for you.**