



## JOHN CHAPTER 13 (FACILITATOR)

### **Discussion Starter**

- What is one of the craziest things you have ever done for someone in the name of love?
- **Opening Prayer**
  - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

### **Tell the Story**

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

### **Read the Story (John 13:1-38)**

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

### **Breaking it Down**

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

### **John 13:1-11**

- If you knew that you had 24 hours on this earth to live, what would you do with it?

- This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
  
- In less than 48 hours, Jesus will be hanging on the cross. What is interesting and significant about what Jesus does to and with His disciples?
  - A Jewish teacher or rabbi had no right to demand that His disciples wash his feet, so it really is thinkable for Jesus Himself as the Master to “stoop down” and wash the feet of His disciples. In quite possibly the most distressing and anguish filled time of His life outside of being in the Garden of Gethsemane and being on the cross, Jesus chooses to serve relentlessly, lovingly, and lavishly. His serving isn’t service that is motivated by obligation or selfishness but serving that is rooted in unconditional, sacrificial, and selfless love.
  
- Why is verse 3 important to understand regarding what drove and motivated Jesus to wash the feet of His disciples?
  - Jesus understood who He was, and He also understood His mission. An understanding of both of these things liberated Him to serve freely, boldly, and selflessly.
    - In what ways do you need to understand more fully who you are and what your mission on this earth is?
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- In what ways are you like Peter in not wanting Jesus to have full access to all of you because it’s too uncomfortable and leaves you feeling too vulnerable?

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### **John 13:12-19**

- Consider the following quote. “The *theory* of being humble and being a servant isn’t worth very much. But the *practice* of being a servant pleases God and fulfills our calling.” Do you agree or disagree with it? In what ways do you need to stop theorizing about being a humble servant of Christ and more fully practice being a humble servant of Christ?

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- How can we wash the feet of those around us today? In what ways do you need to move outside of your areas of both comfort and convenience to do this?

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### **John 13:21-30**

- Consider the following aspects of Jesus’ interaction with and treatment of Judas Iscariot in this passage.

- Jesus knew that Judas was going to betray Him and yet, Jesus still made the decision to not only call Judas as one of His disciples but also washed His feet. What does this teach you about your interaction with others? Your love of others? Your serving others?

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- Jesus could have exposed Judas to the rest of the disciples in brutal ways and yet, He chose not to do this. What does this

teach you about how you are called to place things in God's hands?

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### **John 13:31-38**

- Notice how much Jesus speaks of glory in the span of two verses (31-32) and notice how His speaking about this glory is in reference to Him going to the cross. What is interesting about this?
  - While many were going to look at Jesus on the cross as being shameful, humiliating, and so counter to His mission, Jesus views His death on a cross as His final act of fully submitting and surrendering to His Father. He wasn't concerned about how things looked. He was concerned about the reality of things. He wasn't concerned about the glory of those around Him and how others perceived glory. He was concerned about the glory of His Father and living in that glory.
- In consideration of the latter part of verse 35, what is at stake when you think about your relationships with other brothers and sisters in Christ? How do you live this principle out daily?
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### **Final Application**

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?

- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

### **Closing & Prayer Requests**

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (John Chapter 14)



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