

December 30, 2018  
John 13:1-17

## HE CAME TO SERVE

### I. Introduction:

*“For the son of man came **not to be served, but to serve** and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45*

### II. Love Expresses Itself In \_\_\_\_\_

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, **he now showed them the full extent of his love.** [2] The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus.”  
John 13:1-2

*“You can serve without loving, but, you cannot love without serving.”*

### III. Serving Demonstrates \_\_\_\_\_ And Not Weakness

[3] **Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;** [4] so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. [5] After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.” John 13:3-5

*“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.” Hebrews 6:10*

#### IV. Jesus Servanthood Makes Our \_\_\_\_\_ Possible

[6] He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" [7] Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." [8] "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." **"Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."** [9] "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" [10] Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." [11] For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean." John 13:6-11

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#### V. Churches Are Communities of \_\_\_\_\_ Led By Servant Leaders

[12] When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. [13] "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. [14] **Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. [15] I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.** [16] I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him." John 13:12-16

*Greatness is not measured by how many people serve you, but by how many you serve."*

*We discover how much of a servant we are when we are treated like one.*

#### VI. Servanthood Is The Pathway to \_\_\_\_\_

[17] Now that you know these things, you will be **blessed** if you do them." John 13:17

*Blessings come not from what we know, but because of what we do with what we know.*

**Points To Ponder**  
**Week of December 31, 2018**  
**John 13:1-17**

**Open It**

1. \*What is your idea of great customer service?
2. In what way does our society instill in us the desire to be served?
3. What do your neighbors consider to be signs of high position or status?

**Explore It**

4. What did Jesus know it was time to do? (13:1)
5. What had the devil prompted Judas to do? (13:2)
6. What did Jesus know that the Father had done? (13:3)
7. What did Jesus do when He got up from His meal with the disciples? (13:4-5)
8. Why did Peter express shock? (13:6)
9. How did Jesus respond to Peter's amazement? (13:7)
10. \*What did Peter declare he would never allow? (13:8)
11. Why was it important for Jesus to wash the disciples' feet? (13:8)
12. What did Peter want Jesus to do? (13:9)
13. Why did Peter need only his feet washed? (13:10)

14. Why did Jesus qualify His statements? (13:11)
15. \*What did Jesus tell His disciples they should do? (13:12-15)
16. \*What is the difference between servants and masters? (13:16)
17. How did Jesus say that His disciples would be blessed? (13:17)

### **Get It**

18. When and why do you find it difficult to allow others to serve you?
19. \*When and why is it difficult for you to serve others?
20. How has Jesus cleansed us?
21. \*In what way does Jesus wash our feet today?
22. In what way are we to wash the feet of others?
23. What example did Jesus set for us to follow?
24. In what areas do you struggle with being humble?
25. What makes being humble so difficult?
26. When and why do you feel in competition with other believers?

### **Apply It**

27. Who is someone you can serve today? How?
28. \*Whose service do you need to accept the next time he or she offers?