

# missional community

## guide

# The Way of Jesus

JOHN 13:1-20

Use this guide to help structure your time together. All of these parts are equally valuable for the health and growth of a Missional Community. The examples given below are meant to be a starting point for your time together.

## Fellowship

**Take time to fellowship with each other.**

- How have you rested in God and His promises?
- Have you placed your trust in Him?

## Prayer

**Take time to pray together as a Missional Community incorporating the passage into your corporate prayer.**

**Adore God for who He is:**

- He is our Salvation
- He is our Righteous Judge

**Confess the ways that you have not been faithful to God:**

- When we have not kept His commandments.
- When we have not trusted in Him fully.

**Thank God for what He has done:**

- He has blessed us and our families with comfort.
- He gives us opportunities every day to share his Gospel.

**Supplication - Pray for those in your MC and outside of your MC:**

- Kingdom: Break our pride and prepare those we will meet to receive His Message.
- Others: Free others from distraction and prepare their hearts.
- Self: Give us confidence to trust in Him and not ourselves.

# Passage

**Process through the passage together.**

## **What does the text say?**

Before you jump into discussion, make sure that everyone has a good understanding of the passage. Read the passage again and then work together to retell the passage without reading it.

## **Background info about the author, audience, style, etc. that may be of help.**

- Chapter 13 is the beginning of Jesus's final words to His disciples before His death. As such, it has been called, "a window into Christ's heart" (Thomas Goodwin).
- John, the author, was the son of Zebedee, of Bethsaida, a fisherman.
- Passover Feast refers to the celebration of Israel's deliverance from God's judgment before they left Egypt.

## **What do we learn about God from this text?**

Have members input what the Holy Spirit has revealed to them about who God is from this text.

- Jesus was concerned with demonstrating love and humility, despite knowing he was about to be betrayed.
- The humility demonstrated did not diminish his authority (v. 13-14)
- Jesus did not attempt to intervene against Judas' betrayal, but rather let God's plan play out.

## **What do we learn about man from this text?**

Have members input what the Holy Spirit has revealed to them about who man is from this text.

- We need Christ. (v. 8)
- His ways are not our ways, nor his thoughts our thoughts. (v. 6-7)

## **What is there that we can obey from this text?**

- Wash one another's feet. Serve one another, put others first.

## **Are there commands that still apply to disciples today? If so, what?**

- Yes. This command still applies to disciples today.

## **Other passages in Scripture with similar themes or principles:**

These are passages that could be helpful to draw from for further informing today's text.

- Mark 14:3-9, Luke 7:36-50 - Woman washing Jesus' feet
- John 11:2
- Matthew 20:26-27 - Whoever wants to be greatest must be a servant



# Application

**Now that a good understanding of who God is and how He relates to man has been established from this passage, how does this impact our lives? What are specific things that each member needs to apply in their life this week?**

**What applications directly from the passage can be applied this week?**

- How are you serving others?
- How has God served you?
- How have you served God?

**There may be things that the Holy Spirit is leading us to obey that are not directly from the text, share those as well.**

- Are you putting others before you at your job or school?
- How are you prioritizing God?

**Be sure to take time to discuss how you can support and encourage each other in the things God is calling you to apply throughout the week.**

- Ask the question: “How can we help you with that?”

# Mission

**Discuss how you will work together this week to impact the world around you.**

- Who are some people in your life you can serve? How?
- Are you thinking of yourself less? How can you place God and His kingdom above your own plans and desires?

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