



### John 13:1-5; 12-17

*<sup>1</sup>Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*

*<sup>12</sup>When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.*

### Background

Today we welcome longtime friend of First Orlando, Ron Sylvia, Pastor of Church of the Springs (Ocala) to encourage us from God's Word. During his final meal with his disciples before his crucifixion, Jesus left a personal example and powerful challenge for us to follow. Someone may be able to impress others from a distance, but long-lasting influence can only happen in "up-close" through personal relationships. This is Ron's story. After someone invited him to serve in the life of First Orlando as a young married adult, the trajectory of his life changed forever. As we give ourselves to serve others and invite others to join us, then we will see more clearly that "what's in it for us" is, again, more than we could ever imagine.

### Service Notes

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**What is your biggest takeaway from today's message?**

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# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## Instructions

*This discussion guide is to help you facilitate a conversation with your small group. The “Getting Started” section serves as a quick opener and introduction to the group conversation. In the “Talk it Over” section, feel free to use all or only some of the questions. Again, our hope is to have meaningful and encouraging conversations around the passage used in the sermon, not simply answer all the questions. Give each member of your group opportunity to respond. Take your time. Finally, the “Live it Out” section is to help identify a specific next step. Use these questions as a guide to find practical ways to apply the passage to our everyday life.*

## Getting Started

- ▼ What stood out to you in this week’s message? What challenged you? What prompted questions? How can we pray for you?

## Talk it Over

- ▼ Who in your life best exemplifies the servant nature of Jesus we see in this story? What is it about them that stands out the most? What are some specific ways they have encouraged or inspired you? What often keeps us from taking the posture of a servant as Jesus did?
- ▼ **Read John 13:1-5.** Why do you think Jesus chose foot-washing as the example of being a servant Jesus wanted His disciples to imitate? What would it look like for you to “wash feet” in your daily life right now? What are some other ways the NT shows Jesus serving others? What can we learn from those examples?
- ▼ **Read John 13:12-17.** What do you believe Jesus meant that the disciples would be “blessed” if they do “these things” (serve one another/others)? In what ways has serving others been a blessing to your own life? How does serving others grow our own spiritual lives?

## Live it Out

- ▼ Who in your life right now do you believe God would have you to “wash their feet”? What could this look like? What is one small step you can take to follow through this week?

