

WASHING THE FEET OF YOUR ENEMIES

John 13.1-20 // April 11, 2021

YOU MUST BE WASHED

This is a society where sandals are worn and streets are dirt and mud. They work with animals often, so they would step in animal feces on a daily basis. It's not a society that bathes and showers every day, and at the end of the day, their feet would be sweaty, with sores and cuts, caked in dirt, mud, and animal feces. Foot washing is a humiliating task, and here at the Passover Meal, Jesus washes the feet of His disciples. This act would be a symbol of the washing that comes from Christ when He was humiliated upon the cross.

Luke 22.24-37 // Philippians 2.5-8 // 1 Peter 1.3-5 // Galatians 3.1-6

YOU MUST WASH OTHERS' FEET

Jesus also gives this as an example. We, as His followers, are not greater than Him, and so if He was able to humble Himself in service, then so we should be also. We are even to love our enemies and bless them, just as Jesus did as He washed the feet of Judas.

**When we don't love our enemies,
we prove that we do not truly believe the Gospel,
and that we are not like our Master.**

We seem to fear that somehow justice won't be done, or that by loving and serving them, this means we approve of and condone their sin. But this is not at all true for Jesus, who even tells us that God blesses even the ungodly, the ungrateful, and the evil.

Luke 6.27-36, 40 // Matthew 5.47, 48

**Don't mistake the blessing of God
with the approval of God.**

THE BLESSING OF SERVICE

It is more blessed to give than to receive, and we will receive a blessing when we humbly lay our lives down for others and wash the feet of our enemies. It is not easy to do, and it is counter-intuitive to so much about how we think and feel, but the ways of Christ are above ours, and we can trust Him in it.

1 Peter 2.13-25, 3.8, 9

**It is more blessed to give than to receive.
to spend and be spent,
and to be poured out as a drink offering.**

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Mark 4:39

And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 13.1-20**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

How does the washing of the disciples' feet tell us the story of the Gospel? What truths are particularly impactful as you read through the story?

Your Life Mission

Jesus gave us an example, and we also are to wash the feet of others. Who has God put in your life that you feel called to serve and "wash their feet"? How can your CG pray for your time or outreach to them? How will you reach out to them and serve them?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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