

## AROUND THE DINNER TABLE

09/12: John 13:1-20

In this week's passage, we see Jesus, Savior and King, "go low" to serve his disciples – in an act of service well below his rank or what anyone would expect of him – especially just a day before he knew he would die.

Discuss a time when you went out of your way to serve someone - whether you knew them or you didn't. What was their reaction to your act of service?

Discuss a time when someone chose to serve or bless you in some way. What did that communicate about their feelings for you?

Read Matthew 5:13-16 and 22:36-40 aloud.

As Christians, why are we called to be servants in the world?

What does it practically look like in your life, as a parent, as a boss, manager, teacher, student, brother or sister, or athlete to "go low" to serve those around you?

Take a moment to pray that God would provide an opportunity for you to be a servant in the world this week, and that you would do so in His name, not for your own glory.

## WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Adapted from Rachel Jones' *5 Things to Pray* series.

Father, help me be a friend to others who is: **HONEST**

Read Luke 17:3

Ask God to bless you with real, honest friendships. Pray that you would be humble enough to listen to your friends when they rebuke you and loving enough to challenge your Christian friends over their sin and help them to grow more Christ-like. Pray that you would love them more than you love their approval.

## NEXT STEPS

**Interested in Membership or Baptism?**

Contact Trent Jones at [tjones@linworthbaptist.org](mailto:tjones@linworthbaptist.org) or the church office.



LOVE GOD,  
LOVE PEOPLE,  
SHARE CHRIST... *more*

# SERMON PASSAGE

**John 13:1-20 (ESV)**

<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>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<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. <sup>18</sup> I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' <sup>19</sup> I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

# SERMON NOTES

September 12, 2021: Pastor Brent Miller

Sermon Series:

*That You Might Have Life: A Journey Through the Book of John*

Passage: John 13:1-20

**Sermon Notes**

# FURTHER STUDY THIS WEEK

**TAKING A CLOSER LOOK**

Whether you are meeting with someone this week or you are getting into the Word on your own, we encourage you to work through these questions as you take a deeper look at the sermon passage from this week, or as you dig deeper into the "Read the Bible in Two Years" reading plan that we are currently working through as a church.



1. What are 1-2 things that "shine" from this passage? Whatever impacts the most or draws attention.



2. What are 1-2 things that are difficult to understand in the text, or a question that you would like to ask the writer of the passage or the Lord?



3. What is the central idea of the passage?



4. What are 1-2 personal applications for your own life?



5. With a friend: Find out what is going on in each other's lives. What has been their greatest joy this week? Greatest challenge this week and how they've handled it? What is one area each of you could pray about for each other as it relates to growing with your relationship with the Lord, a spouse, child or friend?

## September Memory Verse

**1 Peter 4:19**

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.