



6-Week Summer Series

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

7:00 - 8:15 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

June 4, 11, 18, 25 & July 9, 6

A dark blue speech bubble with a white outline and a tail pointing towards the bottom left. Inside the bubble, the text 'The WORDS of Jesus' is written. 'The' is in a small, white, sans-serif font. 'WORDS' is in a large, white, all-caps, sans-serif font. 'of' is in a small, white, cursive font. 'Jesus' is in a large, gold, cursive font. The background of the entire image is a blurred photograph of an open Bible with text visible on the pages.

John 1: 1 - 5

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Week One: Summer 2019

John 13: 1 – 17

The Example

1 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. 2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 3 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,

4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 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. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."

Philippians 2: 5 - 8

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

5 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. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."

8 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.” 9 Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” 10 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.” 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

12 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? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 16 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. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Quote from John MacArthur's sermon entitled,
"The Humility of Love" in 1983

He is not saying, "Do the same thing I have done"; He is saying, "Behave in the same manner as I have behaved." The example we are to follow is not the washing of feet, it is His humility. Do not minimize the lesson by trying to make footwashing the important point of John 13.

Jesus' humility is the real lesson
– and it is a practical humility
that governs every area of life,
every day life, in every
experience of life.

The result of that kind of humility is always loving service – doing the menial and humiliating tasks for the glory of Jesus Christ. That demolishes most of the popular ideas of what constitutes spirituality.

Philippians 2:3-4

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Quote by J.D. Walt - August 17, 2017

According to Scripture, the opposite of humility is not pride but selfishness. And therein lies the problem with our definitions. They are all self-referential. We can't even talk about humility without somehow referencing the self. Here's what I'm slowly learning. Humility is not about self at all. Humility is all about others. Humility is not putting yourself down. That's false humility. Humility is about lifting others up.

The journey of becoming a real person is the pathway of being set free from the prison of self and liberated into the God given capacity to love others. It's the way of the Cross, the journey from being a "me" person to becoming a "you" person.

Free People Free People

Questions to Ponder

Jesus says to Peter, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” Later he says, “Do you understand what I have done to you?” Let’s simply go with the question that Jesus asked his disciples:

Do you truly understand what Jesus was doing in this passage? If so, what are the ripple effects in your life?

NEXT WEEK:

JOHN 13: 31 - 38