

Discussion questions – August 30 - John 13:2-11 – we look at one of the most remarkable events in the life of our Lord in his relationship with the disciples – remarkable yes, depth of meaning, as deep as any portion of Scripture anywhere...

1. IF WE ARE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK AND IF WE ARE TRULY GROWING IN OUR DESIRE TO KNOW GOD - How has God's Word impacted your life this week?
2. How is everyone doing this week? Any new challenges? How have they seen God at work? (make this a regular feature, nothing encourages like reports of what God is doing in our lives.)
3. Any follow up or carry over from our last lesson?
4. What one point resonated with you from the lesson this morning? What stands out the most to you from this lesson?

5. What is your least favorite household or outdoor chore? What do you do to avoid it?
6. How many of you have ever been a part of a foot washing service?
 - How many have been part of a church that practiced foot washing as an ordinance like baptism and communion?
 - How many of you would like to be part of a foot washing service?
 - If you knew there was going to be a foot washing service and you decided to go – how would you prepare? (probably wash your feet before you came; clean socks; maybe a little perfumed powder in the shoes!)
 - Why would we prepare like that? (we wouldn't want to offend anyone with smelly feet... get the picture of how the disciples are feeling? Only in their case it's Jesus washing their feet!!)
7. What three things did Jesus know about his mission? (v. 3) What is he not thinking about? (v. 2) What does that say about Jesus? How does each way impact the events in this passage and beyond all the way to the cross? (full and complete trust in the Father's plan – what an example to us!)
8. Describe what you think was going through the disciples' minds as they see Jesus get up and get the basin and towel? What are you thinking as he begins to wash feet? Which would have been worst – to have been first or be last? Why?
9. What did Peter get right about who Jesus was? (Jesus is Lord) What did Peter get wrong about Jesus washing his feet? (he presumes to tell the Lord what to do!) Why do think Jesus insists that he has to wash Peter's feet? What was Peter's reaction? (vs. 8-9)
10. It's important to note the two different words for wash-bathed. One indicating a full bath and one indicating just a partial washing – like washing one's feet. One pointing to salvation; the other to fellowship. We need both – one once; the other often. What lessons do we learn from that?
11. Do you ever find it hard to accept Jesus washing you? Are there things at times you feel Jesus can't wash away from your past or present life? What is the right biblical response to those feelings?
12. How does Jesus washing his disciples' feet not contradict his role as Lord and Master? (he said he came not to be served but to serve and give his life a ransom for many.)

Discuss - What we take away... The gospel of grace always eliminates pride. It demands that we see we have nothing to offer, and then it offers us everything we need.