

GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

Get Into The Word



Week of Sunday, September 28, 2025

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**Living out our God-given calling as
we follow Jesus and make
disciples every day.**

Introduction

How do we respond when those closest to us betray or hurt us? John 13 offers a profound model through Jesus' interactions with Judas at the Last Supper. Despite knowing Judas would betray Him, Jesus humbly served and loved him to the end. This radical love challenges us to forgive and love our own "enemies," turning the natural impulse for retaliation into an opportunity for grace. As we explore this passage, let's consider how we can embody Jesus' example of unconditional love and mercy in our own lives.

Disciple Measure

Intentional Friend: What does it look like for you to love others as Christ does?

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Notes:

Questions for Families

Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.

John 13:1-5

What do you think Jesus was feeling when He washed the disciples' feet, even knowing one of them would betray Him?

For younger children, encourage them to think about emotions like kindness and sadness. For older children, discuss deeper feelings like love and forgiveness despite betrayal.

What can we learn about our own actions from how Jesus treated Judas?

Guide younger children to see how they can be nice to friends and even those who aren't nice to them. With older children, explore the idea of showing kindness and forgiveness even when others may not deserve it.

How do you think we can show love to others like Jesus did, even if they might not be our friends?

With younger children, talk about simple acts of sharing and kindness. For older children, delve into more complex actions like forgiving someone who has hurt them or choosing to be understanding and patient.

NT 260

WEEK: 40

- John 15
- John 16
- John 17
- John 18
- John 19

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 7:3-4

Resources

Resources to Listen to

BEMA Discipleship Podcast: John – Love to the End



Marty Solomon takes a look at [John 13](#) and the betrayal of Judas and the washing of the disciples' feet.
(36 min)

Resources to Watch

Bible Project Guide - The Book of John



See a collection of videos and articles to guide you through the book of [John](#).
(20 min)

Life Group Resources

We have a variety of resources and are continually adding new ones. Some of our resources include group launch guides, on-demand training modules, and curriculum resources. To request a resource, reach out to us at groups@longhollow.com.

D-Group Resources

If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.



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Commentary

Notes:

What’s Going On?

In the book of John, chapter 13 takes us into a fascinating scene known as the Last Supper. This moment happens just before Jesus faces His betrayal and crucifixion. Imagine a crowded room with Jesus and His disciples preparing to have a significant meal together. This isn't just any meal; it's a Passover supper, which is a Jewish tradition celebrating the Israelites’ escape from slavery in Egypt.

During this meal, Jesus decides to wash His disciples' feet, an act of humility and love. Surprisingly, even Judas, who would soon betray Jesus, has his feet washed. This moment highlights Jesus’ incredible capacity to serve and love everyone. The passage sets the stage for Jesus showing ultimate love and sacrifice, urging us to reflect on how we practice humility and forgiveness in our lives.

Biblical Timeline



Notes:

A Bit of Background

This event occurs during a critical time in Jewish tradition — the Passover festival. During Passover, Jewish people celebrate their deliverance from slavery in Egypt, which adds layers of meaning to Jesus’ actions. Jesus is often referred to as the “Lamb of God,” which ties into the Passover lambs that were sacrificed. The sacrifice and redemption themes during Passover highlight what Jesus is about to do through His death and resurrection.

Judas Iscariot, a key figure in this chapter, was distinctive among the disciples. Unlike the others, he wasn't from Galilee. He came from a place known for its anti-Roman sentiments, which might have influenced his actions and mindset. Jesus' choice to include Judas among His closest followers despite knowing Judas would betray Him shows another level of the story’s depth. It fulfills Old Testament prophecies and demonstrates Jesus’ commitment to His mission.

Understanding the cultural and historical aspects of John 13 helps illuminate why Jesus’ actions and teachings during the Last Supper are so crucial. They remind us that love and service transcend our circumstances, inviting us to live with grace and compassion.

John 13

Book of Revelation

Birth of
Christ

Crucification
and Resurrection

Sermon Notes

John 13:1-5 CSB

Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. Now when it was time for supper, the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had given everything into his hands, that he had come from God, and that he was going back to God. So he got up from supper, laid aside his outer clothing, took a towel, and tied it around himself. Next, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet and to dry them with the towel tied around him.

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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Spirit-Led Follower

A disciple who walks with Jesus daily, anchoring their lives to God's Word and obediently following the Holy Spirit where He leads.

Intentional Friend

A disciple who is always looking for ways to care for others and meet their needs. This is a practical way to be present in the lives of those around us.

Humble Guide

A disciple who is a humble guide takes every opportunity to help people take their next step closer to Jesus. This is someone who is constantly looking for opportunities to have Gospel conversations and speak truth into someone's life.

Force For Good

When a disciple lives out their God-given calling, they naturally become a force for good where they live, work, and play. This type of person is looking for opportunities to meet needs, heal brokenness, and bring tangible hope to the people in their life and in their community.



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