



Do As I Do



GROWTH GUIDE

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Scripture: John 13:12-17

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The Gospel of John was written by John, a fisherman, son of Zebedee, who along with his brother, James, became disciples of Jesus and were part of the original 12. John wrote his gospel around AD 85-90 to prove that Jesus is the Son of God and that all who believe in him will have eternal life..

CONTEXT

Beginning with chapter 13, the Gospel of John turns its attention to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Chapters 13-17 tell us what Jesus said to his disciples the night before his death. These words were all spoken in one evening, with only the disciples in attendance. Jesus gave them instructions to prepare them for his death and resurrection, which would change their lives forever. Jesus knew his hour had come to leave the world and return to God. Jesus and the disciples had eaten and Judas had already been prompted by the devil to betray Jesus. Jesus had taken on the role of the lowliest household servant, who would normally wash the guests' feet, and had washed his disciples' feet and dried them himself.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read John 13:12-17. Why do you think Jesus would humble himself and wash his disciples' feet?
2. Read John 13:8. What was Peter's response to Jesus washing his feet.? Why do you think he was upset at the idea of Jesus doing this? What is your reaction when you read about Jesus washing his disciples' feet?
3. What would you say are attributes of a good leader, in keeping with Jesus' teaching?
4. How does Jesus' idea of a good leader align or not align with our culture today?
5. Can you share a time when you served someone and what that felt like? Was your experience what you expected it to be?
6. Read Philippians 2:5-7, I Peter 5:3-5, I John 2:6, and I John 3:16. What do these verses tell you about humility and serving? Are we willing to follow Jesus' example of serving? What are the consequences if we do not follow Jesus' example?
7. How can we as Christians reflect the love of Jesus in our own communities and churches? Who can we serve today as the hands and feet of Jesus?
8. What does verse 17 tell us will happen if we follow Jesus' example?

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