

An Evening with Jesus Discussion Guide
Lesson 1 - No Water, No Towel, No Service
(March 3, 2024)

This study guide is based on the message that is available on YouTube.

Opening Discussion: What cleaning tasks around the house do you try to avoid?

Dive Deeper:

1. Read John 13:1-17. How did Jesus, a man with God-given authority (vs 3), go against social norms? Share how you have witnessed a person of authority who was willing to do humble tasks alongside others. How did this individual's actions inspire you?
2. Washing feet was done by those in the lowest of positions. Discuss the important lessons Jesus taught his disciples by stooping to wash their feet. What does this say about Jesus' heart? How does serving reflect the condition of one's heart?
3. Who in your life has demonstrated the attitude of "washing feet"? In your opinion, what compels them to serve? How have you benefited from their servant's heart?
4. Read 1 John 4:10-12, Acts 20:35, Philippians 2:1-11. How is a servant's heart described in these scriptures? What other qualities of a servant's heart have you witnessed? According to Luke 9:23, how do we begin to cultivate these qualities?
5. Read Ephesians 6:7-8 NIV and John 13:14-17. What are we instructed to do that results in a blessing? What might these blessings be? If there is a promised blessing for serving others, what keeps believers from obeying Jesus' teaching?
6. According to John 13:15, we are to serve as Jesus served. Discuss other reasons we should serve others. Share how you will put Jesus' servant heart into action this week with at least one individual at work, home, church, etc.

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. **It is the Lord Christ you are serving.** Colossians 3:23-24*

Application: How will you apply Sunday's message and this discussion to your life?