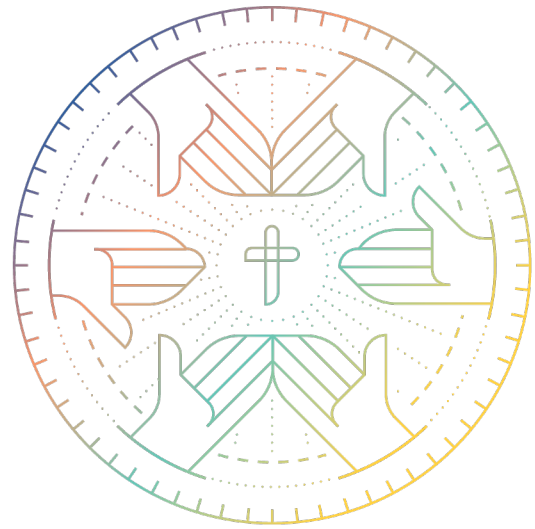


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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Twenty-Four Hours: "Holiness Over Hygiene"
Scripture Focus: John 13:1-20

ICEBREAKER

Jesus washed His disciples' feet as an act of humility and service. Have you ever experienced an unexpected act of service that deeply impacted you? How did it shape your understanding of love and humility?

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come before You with open hearts, seeking to understand what it means to follow You in holiness. May our time together deepen our love for You and shape our lives to reflect Your heart. Teach us to embrace Your example of selfless service. Amen.

INTRODUCTION

What stood out to you from Pastor David's message?

This passage from John 13 takes place in the final 24 hours before Jesus' crucifixion. The Upper Room Discourse (John 13-18) is one of Jesus' most significant teachings, emphasizing the call to holiness over ritual. While physical cleanliness has value, Jesus demonstrates that spiritual holiness is far more important. Through the act of washing His disciples' feet, He reveals His heart of servanthood, love, and His desire to cleanse us from every sin.

INTO THE WORD

Read John 13:1 and Philippians 2:3-7. How was "His hour" a perfect time for Jesus to begin his final journey to the cross? What lessons were available to the disciples through this experience?

How does this story teach us to trust God's timing in our own lives?

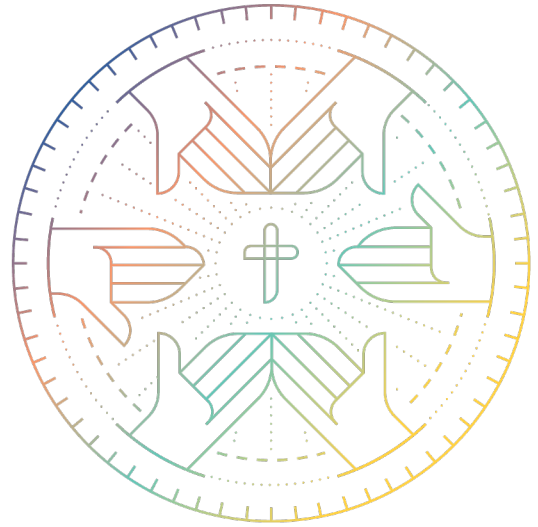
Read John 13:3-5. How does v.3 speak to Jesus' confidence in His own identity?

Read John 13:6-10 and Psalm 51:7-11. Why did Peter struggle with Jesus washing his feet? What was Jesus teaching when he contrasted complete bathing with washing only the feet?

Read John 13:15-17. Jesus calls us to follow His example. What does following Jesus' example of humble serving look like for you in normal everyday life?

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Personal Reflection: What is one specific way you can follow Jesus' example of humility and service this week?

EMBRACE AND EMBODY

- **Embrace God's wisdom:** Recognize that holiness is about obedience. Obedience leads to loving others. Loving others leads us to serve them.
- **Embody practical, tangible ways to serve others.** Commit to serving others in ways that may be uncomfortable but reflect Jesus' love.
- **Grow in affection for God:** Reflect on how Jesus has loved you, served you, and cleansed you. Let that awareness and gratitude motivate you to serve others.

Memory Verse: *"For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you."* - John 13:15

CLOSING CHALLENGE

This week, let's focus on holiness over ritual. Seek a practical way to serve someone with Jesus' love and pray that God uses you to reveal Jesus to that person.