

Home Group Notes
Week of January 16, 2022
John 13:18-38



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WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE

How do you know that you are loved? What are the specific indicators?

LET’S LEARN FROM GOD’S WORD

We’re in a series entitled “This is love.” A perfect title for this week’s chapter.

After repeatedly telling His disciples that He was going to suffer and die, Jesus gathered with them to celebrate the Passover Festival. These were their final hours together before he was arrested.

This passage begins with a powerful statement: “Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.” (13:1) Then, Jesus washed their feet, put His clothes on, and returned to His place. (13:2-17) They ate the Passover meal together while situated around a low table. Read what happens during dinner in John 13:18-38.

What are big events in this passage?

How is 13:18-30 distinct from 13:31-38? Who or what are the foci?

Since we know that this is focused on Jesus loving them “to the end,” what are the ways that Jesus demonstrates His love in 13:18-30? (These may be immediate or realized later)

Why did Jesus quote Psalm 41? (13:18-20)

What do you think that people in the room were feeling? (Jesus, disciples, Judas) (13:18-30)

Jesus could have done things in private with Judas, but He chose to unveil the betrayer in the presence of the disciples (though they didn’t notice at the time). Why do you think He did this?

What indicators are there, that though Jesus was being betrayed by a man indwelt by Satan, Jesus was still in control and was willingly giving Himself up?

After Judas was gone, Jesus changed the focus to the hour of His glorification, that His time had come to go to the cross. (13:31-32) (Glorification is defined by Pastor Todd as “To shine the light on someone, to make them the focus of attention and honor.”) How is the cross the hour of Jesus’ greatest moment of glory? What is being revealed at the cross and how is this connected to this passage?

Jesus "New command" (34-35) is a continuation of His command in 13:15-17? Why might this follow Jesus' words about going to the cross (31-33)?

Peter can't get past Jesus' announcement of "going where you cannot come." What does Peter promise? What, perhaps, was Peter feeling or wanting?

What was Jesus' response to Peter's promise? (This was also made public) How does all this point to Jesus' love for them?

Jesus had just washed the feet of both Judas and Peter (He loved them to the end). One would betray Jesus, one would deny Him. Contrast Judas and Peter; How are they different?

When we see Jesus sacrificial love (washing their feet, loving both of these men, and going to the cross), how is Jesus' clear and overarching command connected? (13:34-35) Why insert this command right here?

NOTE: At the last supper, Jesus used a piece of bread two ways: one to point out the one who would betray him, the other to remember that He gave up Himself for us. How might this affect how we think or feel when we celebrate communion?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

This is an incredible and magnificent passage! What stands out to you about Jesus? What do you think or feel as you think on this? How can we respond to Him?

Jesus introduced the new Messianic era, the new kingdom, with a new command: "A new command I give you: Love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." How does this "new command" reflect the character and mission of Jesus? Was seeing this lived out an influence in your coming to know Jesus?

Could you describe yourself as "the disciple whom Jesus loves?" (13:23) What gets in the way of us believing this? What helps?

PRAYER NEEDS

- Please pray for our fearful and troubled world to see Jesus' love in us
- Please pray for the shepherds of our Middle and High School ministries
- Please pray for our Micah House team as they serve in tough times