

# Lesson 6: Jesus: Our Example of Servanthood

Christians are to serve one another, following Jesus' example.



## Study at a Glance: The 5 W's

KEY AREA	DETAILS AND SUMMARY
WHO (Author & Audience)	
WHAT (Core Message)	
WHEN (Timing)	
WHERE (Location)	
WHY (Rationale)	

**Introduction:** This story shows us what servanthood and "Greatness" looks like in God's Kingdom. Even though Jesus was the Leader and the King, He did the grossest, most humble job in the room to show His friends how much He loved them.

## Key Terms Defined

TERM	ORIGINAL WORD in Greek	DEFINITION (Contextual)
Radical		
Girded		
Wield		
Graciously		
Dignified		
Menial		

## SECTION 1: OUR LORD LOWERED HIMSELF (Read John 13:1-5)

The scene is set during the Last Supper, just before Jesus faces the cross. Despite knowing that He has total power and is returning to God, Jesus does something shocking in the presence of the “twelve, including the one who would betray him.

### *Discussion Questions*

1. **Text/Exegesis:** Using your imagination, what do you think the room was like once Jesus began to do what was mentioned in John 13: 4-5?
2. Read John 2: 3-4 and John 13:1. In reference to “the hour”, what is being referred to by that term and what is significant about its meaning?
3. **Application:** What is a lesson to be learned from Jesus washing the disciples’ feet himself?

## SECTION 2: HUMILITY DISPLAYED; HOLINESS REQUIRED (Read John 13: 6-11)

Jesus is always teaching, speaking and demonstrating. There is so much to learn and no room for fake humility. You can be in the same room as Jesus, hear the same teaching, and even have your feet physically washed, but still have a heart that hasn't been "cleaned" by faith.

### *Discussion Questions*

1. **Text/Exegesis:** Describe what is happening in John 13:6-8 and explain the *tone* of Peter’s response to Jesus’ acts.
2. Jesus pointed out a failure among the “Twelve”. What was the failure and how did Jesus correct it?
3. **Application:** The Bible shows us examples of random miraculous acts of kindness and humility demonstrated by Jesus. Do you feel there is an expectation for US to follow that example? If so, what are some ways?

### SECTION 3: INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAINTAINING HUMBLE RELATIONS (Read John 13: 12-17)

Since the Greatest Person in the room just served everyone else, His followers now have a "debt" to do the same for one another. Jesus is moving them from being ***armed with information to ready for imitation***, explaining that it isn't enough to just know the "right thing" to do—the real blessing only comes when we go out and do it.

#### ***Discussion Questions***

1. ***Text/Exegesis:*** When we view John 13 from a broader lens, the point of Jesus washing the disciple's feet was not so much for us to begin washing each other's feet, but more so for us to do what? \_\_\_\_\_

***Conclusion:*** True greatness isn't about how many people work for you; it's about how many people **you** are willing to help. Jesus wants us to lead with a "towel," not a "title."