

LESSON 10

BEING A SERVANT OF ALL

JOHN 13:1—14:14



1 What is the dirtiest or most distasteful job you have ever had to do?

2 Describe a time when you saw a leader, a parent, or someone in authority do a similar kind of work.



Read John 13:1—14:14, John's Profile, and the following notes:

☐ 13:1ff ☐ 13:1–17 ☐ 13:6, 7 ☐ 13:12ff ☐ 13:34 ☐ 13:34, 35 ☐ 13:35

3 Why was Peter shocked at Jesus' actions?

4 From what you know about the other disciples, how do you think they felt?

5 What reason did Jesus give for washing the disciples' feet?

6 What does it mean to serve others?



Jesus not only taught his disciples to be servants, but he also continually demonstrated servanthood by his actions. In humility, he became a man, served everyone around him, and willingly gave up his life for us. Jesus loves and serves each of us, even though he knows the secret motives of our hearts. Jesus told the disciples, and us, to follow his example and serve others. This is what it means to be his *true* disciple.

7 How does Jesus' statement in 13:34, 35 relate to his example of washing the disciples' feet?

8 Describe a true Christian servant you know.

9 When are you like Peter in this story? When are you like Jesus?



10 Why is it more difficult to serve some people than others?

11 Whom is it difficult for you to serve?

12 How can you demonstrate the servant attitude of Jesus in your home? at work? at school? in your church?



13 Select one or two specific persons whom you will try to serve better this week.

14 What are you going to do to serve them? What is required of you? How could you go above or beyond? What could you do that they would never ask for?

- A** What evidence for Jesus' deity does John appeal to in these verses?
- B** What did Jesus know about his disciples (e.g., Peter, Judas, John)? How did that knowledge affect his actions toward them? How would you treat someone you knew would betray, deny, or desert you?
- C** How did Jesus respond to Thomas and Philip in chapter 14?
- D** What hope from chapter 14 could you share at a funeral?
- E** What does it mean that Jesus is the way? the truth? the life? How can someone come to the Father through Christ?
- F** If seeing Jesus is seeing the Father, what have you learned about the characteristics of God the Father through Jesus?
- G** What have you asked God for in the name of Jesus recently?

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