

4th Week of February
Jesus Sets the Example of Service

- **Text:** John 13:12~15 (February 17 passage)
- **Point:** Jesus set an example of service by washing His disciples' feet.

1. Prayer

Thank you, God, for bringing our family together in a place of grace. Please help us to discern Yours will in Your Word and choose a life that pleases You.

2. Praise

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3. The Word

Read John 13:12~15 together (read the verse 3 times).

* Reading the Word over and over again in different translations will help you to deepen your understanding of the material.

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Understanding Text

Jesus washed His disciples' dirty feet at the last Passover meal. Washing feet is a trivial task of a servant, but even though Jesus is Lord and Teacher, He set a true example of service by washing the feet of His disciples. This is connected to the work of redemption on the cross that washed away our sins.

□ Understanding the text for leaders

The disciples didn't understand the path Jesus was taking. So they argued with each other about who was the highest (Mt 20:20~21, 24; Luke 22:24). Jesus was about to die on the cross, and it was the work of salvation to wash away the sins of all mankind. Jesus washed His disciples' feet to teach them that they didn't know what He had come for. At that time, Palestinians went outside and when they returned, they washed their feet before going inside, and it was usually the work of servants of the lowest rank. Jesus wrapped a towel around His waist and washed His disciples' feet one after the other. Peter refused, saying that Jesus, her teacher, could never wash her feet. Then Jesus said, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me" (13:8). Jesus not only set an example of service by washing His feet, but He also foreshadowed the work of redemption by cleansing us from sins on the cross. Unlike the disciples who were full of ambition and covetousness to take a place next to Jesus, who came as King, Jesus, who is God, came in the body of lowly and lowly people and gave Himself for them to pay the penalty for their sins. When Jesus washed His disciples' feet, He symbolized the service they would perform in the future.

4. Sharing

1) Why did Jesus set the example of washing His disciples' feet with His own hands? (Verses 14~15)

■ Upper Grades

Jesus, who was called Lord or Teacher, what did He want His disciples to look like? (Verses 14~15)

■ Lower Grades

What did Jesus want His disciples to imitate? (verses 14, 15).

□ Question Guide

To the disciples, Jesus is Lord and Teacher. He is higher than the disciples. Jesus Himself washed the disciples' feet. Think about how Jesus' image might have been imprinted on His disciples.

□ Comments for Leaders

Jesus spoke many times about His death on the cross, but His disciples didn't really understand what He meant. Instead, they were only concerned about who would occupy the higher position if Jesus became king. Jesus washed His disciples' feet like a servant to teach them clearly what He had come to earth for. Jesus' act of washing His disciples' feet reflects humility, service, forgiveness, and love, and is connected to His atoning work on the cross. Jesus' washing of the feet must have been a clear impression on the disciples' minds and made them remember Jesus' teachings for a long time.

2) A disciple is one who humbles himself and humbly serves others. Who do I serve, and how can I serve?

■ **Upper Grades**

Who am I to serve today by my own actions, just as Jesus served His disciples? Talk specifically about how you will serve.

■ **Lower Grades**

Choose one thing you can do for your parents or friends today and do it.

□ **Question Guide**

Jesus showed His disciples what a life of service looks like by washing their feet. Service is not something you just think about, but you have to express it through your actions. If you don't express it, the other person won't know. Think about who you need to serve today and how you will practice service.

□ **Comments for Leaders**

Jesus wrapped a towel around His waist and washed His disciples' dirty feet. He Himself showed me that standing above others and showing off my strength is not the right way to serve. Disciples who believe in Jesus and follow Him must humble themselves and humble themselves to serve even though they are in a position of command. The world tells us that if you have power and authority, and if you have the slightest advantage, you should crush others for your own benefit and show off your strength. Jesus' service in a world like this shows how Christians should live. Jesus' disciples are in their own peace and blessing. No, we need to humbly reach out to others and serve them with love.

≡ **5. Be grateful**

Give thanks to Jesus for setting us an example of service and washing away our sins on the cross.

≡ **6. Prayer**

God, I don't want to be someone who lords it over or shows off my strength, but I want to be a humble servant like Jesus. Lead us to walk the path of true discipleship in humility, service, forgiveness, and love, and to live a life full of heavenly joys.

- End the family worship service with the "Lord's Prayer."