

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Gospel of John – week 28

 Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member that Jesus washed His disciple's feet including Judas on the day before He died?
2. How did Jesus spent His last day before He was crucified according to v.2? **(Jesus had supper with His disciples.)**
3. What was the topic of discussion during the supper in Luke 22:24 – 27? **(v.24; A dispute arose among them, as to which of them was the greatest.)**
4. How did Jesus respond to their question in v.5? **(He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and wipe them with a towel...)**

 Let's go deeper

5. How did Peter respond in v.8? **(Peter said, "You shall never wash my feet.")**
6. What did Jesus give His disciples in v.15? **(He gave them an example.)**
7. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do according to v.17? **(Jesus said; "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.")**
8. How did Jesus identify the person who will betray Him in v.26? **(When Jesus had dipped the morsel, He gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.)**
9. How will people know a disciple / follower of Jesus Christ according to v.35? **(Jesus said, "by this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.")**

 Let's apply this

10. John 13:34 – 35; A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: **just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.** By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Jesus sets an example for us to follow; by washing His disciples' and Judas' feet, Jesus then went to die on a Roman cross, He was buried and three days later He rose again. He took our sin and shame upon Himself in our place and He invites us into a relationship with Him forever; eternal life as a gift.

- Look for opportunities today to serve or help someone.
- Ask God the Father for a greater revelation of who He is?
- We learn from Peter that we need Jesus and can trust Him.

SUMMARY:

Gospel of John: Week 28 (Jesus wash the disciples' feet).

Read: John 13:1 – 38.

v.1 – 2; This is day before Jesus dies. If you knew you were going to die tomorrow, what would you do tonight? Who would you be with? How would you spend your time? Jesus is getting His friends together, His disciples to have a meal together, and Judas is also present. Jesus takes Judas, who is already agreed to kill Him. And He sits down and He eats with Judas, that's how Jesus spends His final moments. **Luke 22:24 – 27;** tells us that the topic of discussion at the meal was; who is the greatest? Jesus uses this opportunity to teach and show His disciples to serve.

v.3 – 5; As Jesus is sitting with His friends, He notices that they all have dirty feet, and so He chooses to wash them. Jesus sets the example for husbands to serve their wives, team leaders to serve their team members and employers to serve their employees. Jesus takes off His outer garment, puts a towel around His waist, gets a basin of water, and goes around and God takes the feet of the men that He has created and He scrubs them, as the lowest servant among them all. He takes the dirt and the dung off the feet of His own creatures. Jesus washed Judas' feet, who would walk out of the meal, betray Jesus, and participate in getting Jesus murdered the following day.

Why did Jesus wash Judas' feet? Jesus did this because He loved the Father. Jesus knew, He is not washing Judas' feet for Judas. He is washing Judas' feet for the Father. This is our great motivation for serving, our love for God the Father.

v.6 – 8; Why does Peter struggle to allow Jesus to wash his feet and to serve him? Pride; like Peter we think we don't need Jesus, we can take care of ourselves and stand on our own two feet and we don't need anybody, but the truth is only Jesus can wash away our sin and cleanse us with His blood – we need Him.

v.9 – 11; Peter keeps telling Jesus what to do, instead of trusting and obeying Jesus.

v.12 – 17; Our faith is very practical. Jesus says; "blessed are you if you do them."

v.18 – 28; The giving of the dipped bread represented special honour, something like a toast at a banquet. "When Jesus offers Judas a special morsel from the common dish, such as it was customary for a host to offer to an honoured guest, it is a mark of divine love which ever seeks to overcome evil with good." **(Tasker)**

v.29 – 38; A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."