

LIFE Groups: Easter to Pentecost 2025

Week 10 - Jesus' School of Discipleship!

Jesus - Our Model of Servanthood

The Christian year celebrates Jesus' birth, death, Resurrection, and also the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost! In these weeks leading to Pentecost, we will focus on Jesus' teaching to the disciples about the Spirit's work.

1 - Thinking About the Holy Spirit

As Christians, we know and worship God as revealed to us in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Spirit may be the most mysterious and hard to understand of the Trinity. What thoughts or questions do you have about the Holy Spirit?

2 - Watch Pastor Scott's Video for Jesus' School of Discipleship - Week 10

3 - Scripture reading - John 13: Jesus serves His disciples

- **John chapters 13-17 record Jesus' final words to His disciples at a Passover meal, less than 24 hours before His crucifixion. This "farewell speech" is to prepare them for how to live as His followers when He is no longer physically present - so these words are vitally important for us also! Let's explore these chapters to consider how they guide us today...**
- **Servanthood:** Read **John 13:1-11** - Passover season was "*the Time of our Freedom*", recalling how God freed the Israelites from slavery to Pharaoh in Egypt 1,500 years earlier. The night focused on release from slavery, but Jesus dramatically demonstrates servanthood to show His disciples how to willingly embrace a new role of servant in God's Kingdom.
- *What would it have felt like to receive foot washing from Jesus?*
- *This group likely hoped that Jesus would become a King, elevating their status as His inner circle - what do you think He wants them to learn?*
- **Read John 13:12-17**
- **Betrayed:** Read **John 13:18-30** - An important element of the Passover meal was the "*maror*", dipping matzo bread into bitter herbs to recall the bitterness of slavery. Jesus links this with the bitterness of betrayal, and quotes from **Psalms 41:1-10**. Read this passage - consider what Jesus may have been thinking! *How does this speak to us when we feel betrayed?*
- Judas was not the only betrayer present! **Read John 13:31-38**. *Why do you think the stories of Peter and Judas turn out so differently?*
- In the middle of this tense scene about betrayal, Jesus dramatically introduces a new command from God - **John 13:34-35**. *Why would Jesus choose this moment to make this statement?*

Pray together!

- **Pray for each other, and for opportunities to express servanthood!**



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