

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (John 13:1-20)

1. Have you ever been in a situation where somebody in a prominent position (seemingly “important person”) served in a lowly way?

What was the situation and what stood out to you about the person serving this way?

How did your observation impact your perception of that person?

Did this experience provoke any personal reflection upon your own actions/patterns (willingness to serve in this way)?

How about you, personally?

Do you have anything that prevents you from serving in lowly ways?

What are some areas where the Lord is calling you to step in and serve (even if it’s a less prominent task)?

2. Read John 13:1.

John makes it clear here that Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world and go to The Father.

How has the theme of Jesus’ “hour” been so prevalent and so important throughout the Gospel up to this point?

Why is Jesus’ own knowledge about His hour so important to this specific point in the story?

How does this knowledge impact our understanding of Jesus’ actions that are about to be described?

John writes specifically about how Jesus “having loved His own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.”

How does this provide such a perfect preface to what John is about to describe?

As you read the verses that follow (through verse 20) - where specifically is His love for them on display?

Do you believe this phrase (in verse 1) applies to you and me today?

If so, why do you believe this is the case & how does it specifically apply to us?

3. Read verses 2-11

Looking at John reporting of these events, how do his comments increase our understanding of what’s happening?

What is the significance of understanding that Judas had ALREADY made the determination to betray the Lord?

How does this detail make Jesus’ actions that follow even more astounding?

As you consider the details that John includes in this passage, what stands out to you?

How do Jesus’ actions here validate His own words in Mark 10:45?

Why is it so important for us to understand what’s taking place as we seek to follow after Christ?

How does this provide some foreshadowing of what was to come when Jesus would be crucified for our sins?

Consider the dialogue between Jesus and Peter:

What does this reveal about the nature of their relationship?

As you look at verse 8, how does this apply to the lives of anybody who wants to live eternally?

4. Read verses 12-17

Jesus provides an explanation to the disciples of what He’s just done and why He’s done it.

What should our response be in light of this?

How do we actively live out this command from our Lord to follow His example?

Why is it important for us to understand the authority and greatness of Jesus?

Why does that make his actions even more significant?

How does understanding who Jesus is help us to better serve others (grow in humility, etc.)?

5. Read verses 18-20

In these verses, Jesus makes it clear to all who it is among them who's truly "unclean."

Consider David's words in Psalm 41:

How do Jesus' actions toward Judas (in this particular story) reveal the depth of His love even for His betrayer?

What does this reveal about Jesus' knowledge (John 2:24 could be of some help here)?

Why does Jesus follow-up the statement in verse 19 with his "Amen, Amen..." statement?

How does this statement fit in with what's just taken place?

Why would this be a comfort to the disciples (think specifically about what would follow in the days ahead)?

How does this encourage (or even challenge) you in your walk with Christ?

6. Below are the "So What?" statements from the end of the sermon.

Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, and if so, how?

**1. The King of kings came not to be served but to serve!**

*We are called to obey His example and serve too!*

**2. No act of service unto others is beneath The LORD!**

*As His followers, the same is true for us!*

**3. Jesus' service extended to the man who would betray Him!**

*What limitations do we put on our service to others?*

**4. Do we really want to share in the life of the eternal Son?**

*Then we must be washed by Jesus - the Living Water!*