

# The CHOSEN - Season 5 - Episode 7 - Study Guide

Main Passage: John 13:1-17

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## Study Guide Overview

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Episode 7 showcases Jesus washing His disciples feet and the teaching that He shared with them during this event. While the disciples didn't understand everything Jesus was communicating, they did understand that His Kingdom would be like no other. Christians using this study guide will be reminded that leadership is not ego-driven but servant-driven. Groups will be prompted to enjoy conversations around Jesus' teaching and the disciples' reactions while being reminded to enjoy communing with Christ through prayer.

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## Group Conversation Starter

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If you were hosting a celebration dinner, what would be on your menu?

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## Bible Passages

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### John 13:1-17

- 1 Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end.
- 2 It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.
- 3 Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God.
- 4 So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist,
- 5 and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.
- 6 When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"
- 7 Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will."
- 8 "No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me."

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9 Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!"

10 Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you."

11 For Jesus knew who would betray him. That is what he meant when he said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing?"

13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am.

14 And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet.

15 I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.

16 I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message.

17 Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.

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*Questions and Next Steps Below*

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## Group Discussion Questions

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1. In the episode, Jesus washed Judas' feet knowing that he was about to betray Him. As Judas watched Jesus, what do you think was going through his mind? What do we see in Jesus as He humbly washed even His betrayer's feet?
2. Why do you think Peter reacted the way he did to the idea of Jesus washing his feet? How do you think you would have responded? (John 13:6-11)
3. What lesson was Jesus teaching His disciples by washing their feet? What do you think was the significant part of the footwashing, the ceremony, the tradition, or something else? Today, how could we model the lesson that Jesus was teaching His disciples? (John 13:4-17)
4. In the episode, the disciples are remembering their lives before Jesus and when they met Jesus. How was your life before Jesus? How has your life changed since following Jesus?

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## Personal Next Steps

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- **Self-Check**
  - In the episode, Jesus wanted to hear Little James' story. Have you ever shared your story with Jesus in prayer or journaling, or during a quiet time? What would you say to Him? How would you begin telling Him your story?
  - What are you most thankful for since following Jesus as your Savior?

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## Continuing the Conversation

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Who could you share your story with that might want to know more about faith in Christ?

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## Pray

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Ask God to help you remember the things that first inspired you to believe in Jesus and follow His ways for your life.