

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025Loved to the End  
John 13:1-38

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- Jesus washes his disciples' feet. John 13:1-5
- Peter resists; Jesus insists. John 13:6-11
- Jesus calls them to follow his example. John 13:12-20
- Judas departs into the night. John 13:21-30
- Jesus commands a new way to love and predicts Peter's denial. John 13:31-38

**If our focus is on Christ's love to the end:**

Receive his \_\_\_\_\_. John 3:16-17; Rom. 8:31-39; Eph. 3:14-21; 1 John 4:71-10

Reflect his \_\_\_\_\_. Matt. 5:43-48; Phil. 2:1-8; Col. 3:12-14

Respond to his \_\_\_\_\_. John 21:15-19; 2 Cor. 5:14-6:1

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Read through all of John 13, noting some personal observations from the chapter. Share at least one with the group.

Reflect on Jesus' extreme demonstration of servitude. What strikes you about this foot-washing scene? Have you ever participated in a foot-washing ceremony? If so, what was that like for you? If not, would you be open to participating in one after seeing John 13?

Consider both Peter and Judas here. Are there ways that you can identify with either of them? What questions or additional thoughts do you have about what transpired for them?

In what ways have you struggled to comprehend, receive, or live in response to Christ's love?

Reread John 13:34-35. Why do you think Jesus called it a new commandment? In what ways do modern followers of Jesus struggle with this commandment?

Where do you see Christ calling/inviting you to participate in his mission?



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