



## Week 20

### Discussion Questions

**Text:** John 13:1-20

**Icebreaker:** Would you rather go backpacking for a week barefoot or wear tennis shoes without socks for a month?

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out from the text or sermon?
2. Recap: What does the feast of Passover celebrate and remember? What is the story of the Passover from Exodus? (Exodus 12)
3. Discuss the significance of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples at Passover and the connection between this act and the original Passover.

**Note:** Jesus washing the feet of the disciples might lose its significance without its historical context. "[Foot-washing] is an act that only slaves performed. When the master of a wealthy household returned from a journey or, at times, a day of labor, a slave would wash his feet. People wore open-toed sandals in the first century, which would have made this an unpleasant task.<sup>1</sup>

4. Jesus' washing the disciples is a radical reorientation of their status roles. This act would have been viewed as humiliating or even shameful. While foot-washing is foreign to us today, can you brainstorm together what might be the equivalent act if Jesus were to demonstrate this humility today?
5. **Read Philippians 2:1-11.** Jesus models what it means to serve and then calls us into that service with him. What role does service play in your life of faith?
6. Calvary's Mission is that together we would be "Building Christ centered communities of people fully devoted to loving God and loving others." We demonstrate our love for both God and others by serving them as Christ served and loved us. What does it look like for us individually and as a community to cultivate a **habit** of servant-heartedness?
7. What significance is there in Jesus washing all the disciples' feet, including Judas, and in what way should that shape our own service?
8. If your group has not done so in this season already, discuss what opportunities there are for you to serve together as a group this semester.

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<sup>1</sup> Barry, J. D., Mangum, D., Brown, D. R., Heiser, M. S., Custis, M., Ritzema, E., Whitehead, M. M., Grigoni, M. R., & Bomar, D. (2012, 2016). *Faithlife Study Bible* (Jn 13:5). Lexham Press.