

WEEK ELEVEN

# THE TRUE SERVANT

*SERMON NOTES*

→ The true Servant shows us that life is found in SELF-SACRIFICE, not SELF-INTEREST.

→ The true Servant teaches us to LOVE the UNLOVEABLE.

→ The true Servant commands us to LOVE in a world full of "LIKES."

## *READING PLAN*

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Jn 15:1-17	Jn 15:18-16:4	Jn 16:5-15	Jn 16:16-24	Jn 16:25-33

## *STUDY/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS*

1. Do you think that today's world is more self-centered than it was a generation ago? Explain.
2. Read John 13:1-11. Why would Jesus' actions have been so surprising to the disciples? Why was it significant for Jesus to humble himself in this manner?
3. Read John 13:12-20. Jesus says that he washed the disciples' feet as an example. What are some ways that Christians can fulfill this example?
4. Read John 13:21-30. Name some of the things that influenced Judas to betray Jesus. Why is it significant that Jesus washed his feet anyway?
5. Read John 13:31-38. What is the "new commandment?" How is it new?
6. What does Jesus say that Christians will be most known for? Do you think that's true of modern Christians today?
7. Who do you find the hardest to love? How can the gospel motivate you toward greater love or humility this week?

## *QUESTION OF THE WEEK*

- Do you think that humility is a positive trait?
- Do you believe that religious people are loving?
- [For your kids]: Who do you find difficult to love? How can the love of Jesus help us love others?

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Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Jn 13:1-20	Jn 13:21-30	Jn 13:31-38	Jn 14:1-14	Jn 14:15-31

## *STUDY/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS*

1. What does "grief" look like to you? How does contemporary society handle the reality of death?
2. Read John 11:1-16. What surprises you about Jesus' reaction to his friend's illness? Why does Jesus say that he's "glad?"
3. Read John 11:17-27. What does Martha say to Jesus upon his arrival? What does it mean for Jesus to be the "resurrection and the life?"
4. Read John 11:28-37. What does Mary say to Jesus upon his arrival? How would you characterize Jesus' response to the ongoing funeral?
5. Read John 11:38-44. This is the first recorded prayer in John's gospel. Why does Jesus pray? What are the results?
6. Read John 12:1-8. How does Mary thank Jesus for saving her brother? What does this reveal about Jesus' true mission?
7. Read John 12:9-19. What do the people seem to be expecting from Jesus, the King? Read Zechariah 9:10-11. How will Jesus bring peace? What does this tell us about Jesus' true mission?

## *QUESTION OF THE WEEK*

- Do you think our society is shielded from death?
- Why do you think people look for modern-day "saviors" in the political arena?
- [For your kids]: Describe what the best "king" would look like. How is Jesus the same or different from those expectations?

