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Humble Service Leads to Happiness

John 13:12-17

I. The Teacher Gives Valuable Instruction (vv. 12-15)

A. The value of an _____ lesson (v. 12)
[Eph. 4:22-24]

B. The value of _____ (v. 13)
[Mk. 12:32-34; Matt. 16:13-17; Jn. 18:37]

C. The value of _____ (vv. 14-15)
[1 Pet. 2:21-23; 1 Jn. 2:6; Matt. 11:29]

II. The Teacher Uses Relatable Illustrations (v. 16)

A. A _____ is not greater than his master (v. 16a)
[Jn. 15:20; Lk. 22:27]

B. A _____ is not greater than his sender (v. 16b)
[Matt. 10:24; Lk. 6:40]

III. The Teacher Issues a Suitable Incentive (v. 17)

A. The importance of _____ the truth (v. 17a)
[Phil. 3:8; Jn. 17:3]

B. The blessing of _____ the truth (v. 17b)
[Psa. 1:1-3; 128:1; Prov. 16:20; Josh. 1:8; Lk. 1:28; Jms. 1:22-25; 4:17]

TAKE HOME

- Have you had your **feet** washed?
- Are you **washing** the feet of others?
- If you know these things, have you received the **blessing** of doing them?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 13:12. What is the object lesson that Jesus uses? What is it that He wants us to learn? What’s the difference between the first washing and the ongoing washings? (Eph. 4:22-24)

2. Read John 13:13. What do you think about Jesus using the art of affirmation? Where else do we read about Jesus doing this? (Mk. 12:32-34; Matt. 16:13-17; Jn. 18:37) Is there a place for you to use more affirmation in your life?

3. Read John 13:14-15. Talk about the value of modeling. How is it true so often that “more is caught than taught?” Are you following Christ’s example? (1 Pet. 2:21-23; 1 Jn. 2:6; Matt. 11:29)

4. Read John 13:16. Discuss these two illustrations. Which one makes more sense to you? What is Jesus trying to accomplish in giving these illustrations? (Jn. 15:20; Lk. 22:27; Matt. 10:24; Lk. 6:40)

5. Read John 13:17. Why is important to know these things? What things is Jesus talking about? Read Phil. 3:8; Jn. 17:3. How do these texts emphasize the importance of knowing?

6. Look at the second part of John 3:17. What is another word for “blessed” in this context? Do you agree that blessing follows obedience? Read Psa. 1:1-3; 128:1; Prov. 16:20; Josh. 1:8; Lk. 1:28; Jms. 1:22-25; 4:17. What valuable lessons can we learn from these passages?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live your life differently this week based on what you have learned?

“If the only-begotten Son of God, the King of kings, did not think it beneath Him to do the humblest work of a servant, there is nothing which His disciples should think themselves too great or too good to do. No sin is so offensive to God, and so injurious to the soul as pride. No grace is so commended, both by precept and example, as humility.”

- J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*