

Small Group Questions for the Week of November 23, 2014

Please read John 13:1-17

Most of the following questions are taken from the N.T. Wright book entitled, John: 26 Studies for Individuals and Groups.

1. Who has served you? How have they done this? How have you responded to their service/love?
2. Read John 13:1-17. What was Simon Peter's initial response when Jesus began to wash his feet?
3. The little drama with Peter is funny on the outside but deeply serious on the inside. Jesus must wash us if we are to belong to him. Yes, he has already washed us, in calling us to belong to him (John 15:3); what we need day by day is the regular washing of those parts of ourselves, our personalities and bodies, that get dusty and dirty. In what ways do you need Jesus to "wash your feet" today?
4. What particular lesson does Jesus seek to teach his disciples by this act of foot washing (v.14-15)?
5. Why is it necessary for Jesus to then go on and emphasize (to the disciples and to us) that the slave is not greater than the master, that the one who is sent is not greater than the one who sends (v. 16)?