



GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Talk About It

1. What were the special meals in your family: Thanksgiving? Sunday Lunch after Church? Birthday Dinners? Christmas? What was usually on the menu?

Read About It: Philippians 2:3-4,6-7; Matthew 20:28; John 13:3-9,12-15.

Think About It

2. **Read Philippians 2:6-7 and Matthew 20:28.** How did Jesus see himself and his mission? How did he demonstrate this identity?
3. **Read Philippians 2:3-4.** How does Paul use Jesus as an example of serving for us? What are some of the attitudes that he exhibits and prescribes for us?
4. **Read John 13:3-9.** What did Jesus know that the disciples did not know(13:3)? Why is this important? What impresses you about Jesus washing the disciples' feet? Would you have let Jesus wash your feet without complaint? Why is allowing Jesus to serve us necessary for belonging to Him?

Do Something About It

5. **Read John 13:12-15.** Though the disciples literally experienced Jesus washing their feet, what do you think he means for us to "wash one another's feet today" (13:14)? Specifically, how will you put Jesus' teaching into practice this week at home, work, or church?

Philippians 2:6-7

⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

Matthew 20:28

²⁸ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

John 13:3-9

³ Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. ⁴ So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, ⁵ and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him. ⁶ When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will." ⁸ "No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me." ⁹ Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!"

John 13:12-15

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

Philippians 2:3-4

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.