

# SERMON OUTLINE John 13:1-17

Love, the Devil, and Foot-Washing Glory

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## **JESUS LOVED HIS OWN TO THE END (1)**

*Jesus Loved to the End of His Life*

*Jesus Loves to the End of Our Sin*

## **THE DEVIL PUT EVIL IN JUDAS'S HEART (2)**

## **JESUS' LOVE AND GLORY WASHED THE DISCIPLES' FEET (3-17)**

*Foot-Washing Glory Displayed (3-5)*

*Foot-Washing Glory Misunderstood (6-9)*

*Foot-Washing Glory Explained (8, 10-11)*

*Foot-Washing Glory Commanded (12-17)*

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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The big idea of this passage is that Jesus' glory includes a love-to-the-end, foot-washing kind of glory. And the main takeaways for us are to learn to love true glory, to listen to and obey Jesus in all things, and to follow Jesus' example in expressing servant-love wherever we go.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What do you consider glorious? Who/what would you describe as particularly admirable or worthy of your praise and esteem?
3. Which aspect of God's glory is most impressive to you?
4. Under what circumstances are you most tempted to stop loving someone? How often do you do that to Jesus?
5. What is the most significant expression of love you've ever felt?
6. Do you ever find it hard to believe that Jesus is presently loving you with the full measure of His love? When/why?
7. Have you ever felt like the devil put something into your heart? What does God's Word say about that?
8. Imagine that you had unlimited power for one hour. What would you use it for?
9. Would others describe you as naturally servant-hearted?
10. How is it different for you to serve "up" than it is to serve "across" or "down"? Why do you think that is? What does this passage have to say about your experience?
11. Are you ever slow to obey because you have a hard time understanding (not the command itself, but) the reasoning behind it?
12. Have you ever thought of foot-washing as part of divine glory?
13. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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14. What is one thing you have done or intend to do differently as a result of this text/sermon?
15. Find one way to love someone past your usual limit this week.
16. Write down a verse describing God's love for His people (you), keep it with you, and pull it out when you're feeling discouraged.
17. Commit to reaching out to a friend immediately when you face temptation to sin this week.
18. Find a way to serve "across" and another way to serve "down". Look for one way in your home, another way in Grace Church, and another way in your neighborhood. Ask someone to keep you accountable to do it.
19. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
20. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

## PRAYER POINTS

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21. Adoration. Praise God for being infinitely glorious. Praise God that His glory is higher than all earthly glory. Praise God that His love is persevering and perfect. Praise God that His love is condescending. Praise God that He is sovereign over all.
22. Confess. Confess any ways you've been caught up in fake glory. Confess any ways your love has lacked grace, selflessness, sacrifice, redemption, or perseverance. Confess selfishness and an unwillingness to serve as Christ serves you.
23. Thanksgiving. Thank God for loving you until the end. Thank God for protecting you from the devil and everything else that might lead you away from Him. Thank God for being the perfect example and giving perfect commands.
24. Supplication. Ask God to use you to bless the less fortunate. Ask God to help the people of Grace experience His love.