





# GOSPEL COMMUNITIES



- S** • **SCRIPTURE**  
As you read, write out the verses that stick out to you most.
- O** • **OBSERVATION**  
What is the overall truth can you learn? Are there warnings, principles, or commands?
- A** • **APPLICATION**  
How does this verse apply to your life? How can you live differently in light of this truth?
- P** • **PRAYER**  
Turn these thoughts into prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to meditate on and apply this scripture to your life.

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## John 13:1-20

*Memory Verse: John 13:20 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.*

### Personal Reflection:

1. How does it impact you that Jesus was the only Sacrifice that can cleanse your sin and he did it as a loving choice not as a divine obligation?
2. What can you do today to follow Jesus' humble example of loving service that is not understood or reciprocated?

### Group Discussion:

1. How was Jesus able to go through this symbolic demonstration knowing Judas was going to betray him? How does that amplify the lesson?
2. How are we as disciples today to follow this example?
3. What is it we are to do since we know "a servant is not greater than his master nor a messenger greater than the one who sent him"? (verse 16-17)
4. Several times John says that Jesus is leaving the world. In other places it says he will always be present. How are both true?

### Family Devotions:

1. Why was it a big deal for Jesus to wash the disciples feet?
2. What did Jesus mean that not all the disciples were clean?
3. Why did Jesus tell the disciples that one of them would betray him before it Happened?

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## John 13: 31-38

*Memory Verse: John 13: 31-32 When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.”*

### Personal Reflection:

1. What would Jesus have you learn by having the revelation of his betrayer follow his demonstration of forgiveness?
2. How can you follow the example of Jesus in your relationship with those who reject him?
3. In what ways is your love for other believers visible to the world?

### Group Discussion:

1. In light of what Jesus has said about a tree being known by its fruit, how could the disciples not have recognized Judas as the betrayer?
2. How is it significant that the washing of feet and the exodus of Judas come before the discussion of the new covenant?
3. The denials of Judas and Peter were both prophesied. What does this tell us about the role of the individual in the sovereignty of God?

### Family Devotions:

1. Why did Simon Peter have John ask Jesus who would betray him?
2. What was the “new commandment”?
3. Where was Jesus going?

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*Memory Verse: John 14:1 Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God: believe also in me.*

1. How does the image of living in God's house, rather than this world where you are not at home, give you hope?
2. What are you asking God for? How do you ask in Jesus' name?

1. In what ways had Philip “seen” the Father when he saw Jesus?
2. How is Jesus the way, the truth, and the life?
3. What are the “works” referred to in verse 12?
4. How would you paraphrase this teaching on prayer we see in verses 12-14?

1. Where is the “ my Father’s house” that Jesus is talking about?
2. How can we know there is only one way to God from what Jesus says in verse 6?
3. What does it mean to ask in Jesus’ name?

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*Memory Verse: John 14:15 If you love me, you will keep my commandments.*

1. How does the promise that, “I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you” give you strength in difficult circumstances?
2. When have you experienced the Holy Spirit bring to your remembrance what Jesus has said at just the right time?

1. “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” What does this tell us about Jesus? How is this not works?
2. How is the idea of dwelling expanded from the tabernacle, to the Word (1:14), the believer (14:3-4), and now the Father and Jesus(14:23) to develop the idea of God’s relationship to man?
3. What is the peace promised in verse 27?

1. What does Jesus say you will want to do if you love him?
2. Who is the Helper Jesus promised to send after he left?
3. What does the Holy Spirit do for us? (verse 26)

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*Memory Verse: John 15:13 Greater love has no one that this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.*

1. What spiritual disciplines are helpful to abiding in Jesus?
2. What fruit has Jesus produced in you life to give evidence that you are his disciple?

1. How is the fruit discussed in this chapter different from the fruit in Galatians 5?
2. What does verse 8 mean by “My father is glorified”? How else is He glorified?
3. How do you explain the transition from servants to friends in verse 15?
4. What is meant by “These things” which are commanded in verse 17?

1. Who is the vine?
2. Why are the branches pruned?
3. How does a branch “abide” in the vine?
4. What happens when we bear much fruit?
5. What is the fruit?

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## **John 15:18-16:4**

*Memory Verse: John 15:26*

*But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me*

### **Personal Reflection:**

1. When have you experienced not being part of the world because you are a disciple of Jesus?
2. When you feel rejected for your faith, how is it encouraging that Jesus said it would happen?

### **Group Discussion:**

1. What do hate and love mean in this context? How does this understanding amplify the command to love on another?
2. Verses 18 to 27 describe what the disciples could expect after the death of Jesus. Is the situation the same today? How do verses 26 and 27 give hope to the situation?
3. What similarities do you see to the response at the first coming of Jesus and to his second coming?

### **Family Devotions:**

1. What was the reason Jesus gave for why the world would hate his disciples?
2. How do you act if you love something? How do you act if you hate something?
3. Why did Jesus say they hated him?
4. Who did Jesus say would bear witness about him?

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