

SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 6/1/14

A Love That Serves *John 13.1-17*

Purpose of SG: to foster in its members the biblical values of worship (God), discipleship (church), and outreach (lost).

2013/2014 Annual Focus: Drawing Near to the Good and Mighty King.

Announcements: (1) **Gathering for Prayer June 1st**, (2) **Women's See & Savor Friday, June 06 from 7-9pm**, (3) **Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, June 07 from 8:30-10:30am**, and (4) **Baptism Service June 29th**.

SG Discussion Questions:

Focus: *to challenge us to lovingly serve one another in love as Christ modeled it for us.*

17.1-3 What things were weighing most on Jesus' mind at this time? How did these things influence his actions in this passage?

- What motivates and enables him to do what follows (the foot washing and, ultimately, the cross)?

4-5 This was one of the last teaching acts Jesus did with his disciples. How does that increase its intensity? Why is this such a shocking act? Can you think of a modern day equivalent act in our culture? in your life?

6-11 What was Jesus using foot washing to symbolize?

- What is the significance of his willingness to wash the feet of the 12 who would desert him, especially Judas? How can we follow his example in this?
- Read Phil. 2.5-11. How does Jesus' washing the disciples' feet prefigure the cross?

12-17 Do you think Jesus meant we should literally wash one another's feet? What makes you think that? How should you deal with someone who disagrees with you on this?

- What different ways does Jesus use foot washing as a symbol?
- Why does he include v. 13-14 and 16? What is his point?
- How are we blessed if we serve one another? How have you experienced this?
- What are common barriers to a servant heart? What keeps you from serving? What is your first step in obeying Jesus' command to follow his example (engage application to study/serve on Sunday mornings, too!)