

# Sermon Reflections

John 13:1-17

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Jesus displays His loving humility so that we see our need for Him and our need to live like Him.

Three prompts to serve like Jesus:

1. Love like the Savior who loves you. (v. 1)

- What attribute/perfection of Christ is exemplified here in verse 1 - “He knew His hour had come”? How does the idea of the Sovereign One willing to serve His subjects motivate you to love others?
- Describe the love of Christ being referred to in this verse. List reasons why we are in desperate need of this love. Provide supporting Scriptures.
- What are some characteristics of Christ’s love that reveal a pattern for how we should love others?

2. Humble yourself like the Lord who is humble for you. (vv. 2-11)

- Describe a time where you were served unexpectedly? How did this make you feel?
- What does Peter exclaim in response to Jesus’ preparation for washing their feet? Why do you suspect he may have responded in this way?
- How can pride preclude: 1) a willingness to heartily serve others; and 2) a willingness to receive service from others? What truths from Scripture do you meditate on to help guard against this?
- Read Philippians 2:6-7 and 1 Thessalonians 2:17. How does Jesus demonstrate humility towards us?

3. Serve like the Servant who serves you. (vv. 12-17)

- There are some churches that practice foot washing today. Give an example of a potential danger of a literal implementation of this practice as a church ordinance.
- List things that can cause us to lose focus and deprioritize serving the body. For each reason identify the underlying sin issue. Pray that God, through His Holy Spirit, provides you with the strength to repent of this.
- List ministries at GBC that involve serving others in some way. Prayerfully consider reaching out to the leaders of these ministries this week to see how you might be of service.
- How can humble service towards others glorify Christ and magnify His gospel?