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Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 20, 2016

This Week's Focus: In love, Jesus Christ, God's only Son came to earth "not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28)

This Week's Text: John 13:1-20

"The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell; It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell; The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin. Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure - the saints' and angels' song."

From "The Love of God is Greater Far" by Frederick Martin Lehman

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What are your general impressions about this week's passage of Scripture?
- What is the setting and context of John 13 – 16? What does John mean by his opening verse? How is Jesus' love for his own different from the love that he has for the world? Do you meditate daily on God's love for you?
- What prompted Jesus to wash his disciples' feet? Reference Luke 22:24-27. What did he intend to teach them by this incredible act of humility? What can we learn from the fact that Jesus washed his betrayer's feet?
- Read the discourse between Peter and Jesus (verses 6-10). Why was Peter initially hesitant to allow Jesus to wash his feet? How did Jesus respond? What event does the parable of the foot-washing ultimately point to?
- Who are those "bathed," and why does Jesus say that they are "completely clean" and yet still they need their feet cleaned? Reference 1 Corinthians 6:11 and 1 John 1:9. Discuss our secured position as children of God and our continual need for spiritual sanctification.
- Explain what Jesus means in verse 17. What is biblical blessedness and how is it different from happiness? Consider this week how you are loved and treasured by God and how the gospel frees you to love and care for others.,
- How does this passage encourage you to declare and demonstrate the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?