

Growing Together – Cultivating a Life with Jesus

Growing Through Love

John 13:1-17 | Pastor Chris Lenhart | 8/9/26



Series Goal: That as a congregation we would grow together, cultivating our lives with Jesus, through the same practices that have carried and sustained the church, from its conception.

This Week's Anchor Question:

How will the love of Jesus reshape the way we love one another?

Love Bends Low (1-5)

Love Receives Grace (6-11)

Love Takes Action (12-17)

**What did you
hear or learn
from our
students'
testimonies?**

Holding Tension: *This space is left empty for unresolved questions, convictions, or prompts for further study/reading...*

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Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide

Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!

Start with Prayer: Ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.

Anchor Question: How will the love of Jesus reshape the way we love one another?

Read the text (or portions) from 2 different versions – **John 13:1-17**

Pauses for Reflection and Discussion –

1. “Jesus is not bending low because He has forgotten who He is. He is bending low because He knows exactly who He is.”
 - *How might greater security in God’s love free you from needing recognition, control, or attention and make you more willing to take the lower place in serving others?*
2. “Love gets real when it is extended in service to real people.”
 - *Who has God placed in your life whose weaknesses, personality, wounds, or unfinished story makes love more difficult, and what might it look like for you to bend low toward that person?*
3. “Many of us know how to be useful without knowing how to be vulnerable.”
 - *Why can it feel easier to carry another person’s burden than to reveal your own, and where might Jesus be inviting you to receive care, prayer, or help from someone else?*
4. “People who follow a kneeling Savior must become people who kneel in love and service to others.”
 - *What overlooked, inconvenient, or unrecognized act of service might Jesus be inviting you to take up this week?*
5. “We are not emptied out for the sake of emptiness but poured out so that another person might experience the grace and love of Jesus.”
 - *Where might God be asking you to offer your time, presence, forgiveness, attention, or resources so that someone else can experience His love through you?*

Practical Living – This Week’s Application (choose one or more)

- Write or journal a prayer to pray daily:
- What posture is this text inviting me to practice? (*i.e. waiting, listening, courage, generosity, humility, surrender*):
- Write or journal a person or place to intentionally engage:

What was something you processed or reflected on from the testimonies that our students shared on their foot washing experience?

Prayer Requests

Family

Church

Community

Career & Friends

Other