

LIGHTSHARERS June 14th 2020

John 13 vs 1-17 - Jesus the servant of all

Good morning Lightsharers. I hope you are well - all the group leaders miss seeing you on a Sunday morning.

We now have our very own online session - just for us! I think you're going to really enjoy it.

This morning, we'll be reading from The Jesus Storybook Bible (which I know lots of you love!) and finding out how Jesus served his friends (the group of followers we call 'disciples') in an incredible way. You might have heard the story. It involves some VERY smelly feet!

After I've read the Bible story, there's a quick-fire quiz for you!

Read John 13

QUICK-FIRE QUIZ! You have 10 seconds to answer each question before I reveal the answer...

- 1) What was the name of the festival that Jesus and his disciples were celebrating?
- 2) Where were they eating the Passover meal?
- 3) What kind of person would normally wash people's feet?
- 4) When Jesus knelt down to wash Peter's feet, what did Peter say?
- 5) Why did Jesus wash their feet?

How did you get on?

Jesus, his disciples and most people at that time wore sandals. Just imagine if we had no paved roads or footpaths around Bath and wore sandals all the time...we would have pretty mucky feet!

In Jesus' time, servants would wash the feet of guests when they came to a house. The disciples were clearly shocked that their friend, teacher and Lord Jesus would wash their feet! Why would he do that?!

The story ends with Jesus explaining, "I am doing this because I love you. Do this for each other."

Is he *only* talking about foot-washing? I don't think so. Jesus wants us to show love to others in lots of different ways. Being a servant doesn't mean being ordered around, but giving your time to do something to help someone else, unselfishly.

What could we do?

We can serve each other in our families:

Maybe you could offer to set the table at meal times, make breakfast for your family or make your bed and tidy your room before you've been asked?

Serve your community:

Think about the people who live close by. Talk with your parents about how you could show God's love to them (remembering social-distancing rules). Perhaps you could bake some cakes for them or help them with their shopping?

You might already be doing some of these things - that's great! If you like, you can email the church office and share with us how you're being a servant like Jesus. That way, you can inspire the whole community with your ideas!

Above all, Jesus wants us to follow his way and think of others more than ourselves - He is our best example of how to live well. If we choose to follow him, we're his disciples - his 'apprentices' - and he promises to be with us and help us, by his Holy Spirit.

Prayer:

Father God, thank you for Jesus. We want to be like Him and think about others more than ourselves. Show us how we can be a help to them. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and give us the strength we need to live your way. Amen.

Quiz answers

- 1) They were celebrating Passover
- 2) They were in an upstairs room
- 3) A servant
- 4) At first, Peter said to Jesus "You can't!" Then when Jesus explained why he was doing it, Peter said "Wash all of me Lord!"
- 5) Jesus washed their feet to show he loved them