



**Topeka Bible Church**  
**How to Grow a Disciple**  
***"Serve #1: Serve the Church ... your Family"***  
**Community Group Study Questions**  
**John 13:1-17 and selected passages**

1. Do you enjoy serving others within the church? Why or why not? Share about a time when someone from within the body of Christ blessed you by serving you. What happened? Why did they choose to serve you?
2. What is significant about the fact that Jesus knew what He knew (*John 13:1*) and had ultimate authority from the Father (*John 13:3; 3:35; 17:1-2*) and yet still chose to remove His outer garment and wash His disciples' feet (*John 13:4-5*)?
3. Why did people in biblical times wash their feet so much (*Genesis 19:2; 24:32; Judges 19:21; 2 Samuel 11:8; 1 Timothy 5:9-10*)? What did the disciples' "dirty feet" represent and were these "dirty feet" so intolerable to Jesus (*Luke 22:24-26*)? Why didn't any of the disciples wash Jesus' feet (cf. *Luke 7:38-39, 44*)?
4. Are you sometimes like Peter: resisting others who are trying to serve you (*John 13:8*)? Why do we resist other's attempts to serve us? Why does it require humility to receive and act of service from someone else? Are you too proud to be served?

5. What is Jesus' major teaching point in *John 13:12-17*? Since Jesus, who is Lord (i.e. God, *John 20:28*; *Philippians 2:11*) and Teacher (i.e. Rabbi, *John 1:38*) washed His disciples' feet (*John 13:13-14*), how does He command His disciples (and us!) to respond (*John 13:15*; *1 Peter 5:5*)?
  
6. Where do you need to develop your "footwashing" spirit? Are you humble (*Philippians 2:5-8*)? Are you selective in whom you serve (*James 2:1-4*)? Do you expect recognition for serving (cf. *Matthew 6:3-4*)? How do you handle inconveniences when serving others?
  
7. Why is service to others so important to God (*Mark 10:45*)? What are some practical ways that you can "wash the feet" of your family this week? What are some ways that you can serve the church body here at TBC? Who do you need to contact to take your next step and serve?

**Memory Verse:**

**"If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."  
(John 13:14, NASB)**