

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Good morning! As you know, we began an in-depth study of “The Gospel According to Luke” on December 31, and spent 3 of the 4 Sundays in January in chapter 1, taking a 1 week break for the visit by one of the missionary families we support. And while we originally planned to finish up chapter 1 this week, some unforeseen circumstances have created a need for us to take a 1-week detour into John’s gospel account.
- \* Perhaps like no other time in history, this world increasingly encourages people to promote and serve themselves, especially here in the United States. But Jesus calls His followers to die to themselves by living lives of selfless servanthood. And when we do that effectively, we can have a major impact on the world because it builds unity in the body of Christ and helps draw non-believers to Jesus.
- \* So this morning, we’ll consider some secrets of selfless servanthood by looking at an event in John 13 that launched the final 18 hours or so of Jesus’s earthly ministry immediately prior to His crucifixion. This event, Jesus’s foot washing of His disciples, was only recorded in John’s account. And we should be grateful that the Holy Spirit led John to do so, because there is much we can learn from it, and also apply to our walks as followers of Christ.

**INSTRUCTION****I. Where John 13 fits in the bigger picture of John’s Gospel:**

	The Next Level	The Big Picture
I.	<b>The Prologue</b> (John 1:1-18)	<b>1) The Book of Signs</b> (chapters 1-12)
II.	<b>Jesus’s Revelation to the World</b> (John 1:19 – 12:50)	
III.	<b>Jesus’s Revelation to His Own - The Upper Room Discourse</b> (John 13-17)	<b>2) The Book of Glory</b> (chapters 13-21)
IV.	<b>Jesus’s Death &amp; Resurrection</b> (John 18-20)	
V.	<b>The Epilogue</b> (John 21)	

**II. S \_\_\_\_\_ the J \_\_\_\_\_ Way (Jn. 13:1-17)**

- The full extent of Jesus’s love is demonstrated at the cross, not through His humble service of foot washing.
- The Christian life is never about power, position or prestige, but humble, selfless service of others (self < **OTHERS**).
- The Doctrine of S \_\_\_\_\_ (honing us into Christlikeness)
  - It scrapes away the residue of our old nature, so that we can increasingly reflect Christ to the world.
  - It sets us apart to live for Him, rather than for sin and self.
  - And through it, serving God and others becomes not a duty, but a delight and privilege.

**III. P \_\_\_\_\_ in Service (Jn. 13:18-30)**

- As God, Jesus has the authority to call us to selflessly serve others, as well as the ability to help us fulfill that call.
- Jesus’s call for us to serve others is not contingent upon how that service is received or valued, because we serve in His name.

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* How has pride, or perhaps self-perceived inadequacy, kept you from saying “yes” to some service or calling?
- \* Is something else hindering you from following Jesus’s example of selflessly serving others?
- \* Jesus has shown us how to love and serve “the Jesus way”... How will you follow His example?
- \* Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore change the way you act?

**INTERACTION**

How can we as a church body better serve others selflessly both inside and outside the church?