



## Sermon Discussion Guide<sup>1</sup> *John 13:1-17* | Tom Groelsema

“Love on Display”  
Sunday Morning, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

1. If a guest arrived to visit your small group, how would he describe your relationships to one another? What words might he use?
2. Tom outlined four details presented by John to set the scene for the text. What is the significance of each and what is revealed about Christ?<sup>2</sup>
3. Why did John go to such lengths to describe the series of events in verses 4 & 5? What do they convey about Jesus, and about his love for his disciples?
4. Read Phil 2:5-11. How do the actions of Jesus in John 13 resonate in Paul’s words?
5. Read Luke 22:24. Why is that detail helpful as you consider Jesus’ words in John 13:14-17?
6. Read verse 15. As you think about serving (“love that stoops”), what is your motivation? To what degree are you moved to serve because of what Christ has done for you? What is lacking?
7. What is the significance of John naming *Peter* and *Judas* in this scene? When you think about people who have failed (or about your own failure!), what does it mean for you to serve such people?
8. Read 1 Pet 5:5. How do Peter’s words, many years later, echo the details of this scene?
9. What is Jesus’s promise to those who *do* what they *know* (verse 17)? What does He mean by “*blessed*”? Can you describe how this promise has proven true in your life?

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<sup>2</sup> (1) The timing – “before the Passover,” (2) His hour *had come*, (3) “The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas...,” and last (4) “Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that He had come from God and was going back to God...”

## General Outline

- I. 3 Points
  - a. A Drama
  - b. A Demonstration
  - c. A Directive
- II. 3 Questions
  - a. Why should we serve?
  - b. Whose feet are we to wash?
  - c. How are we to do this?