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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN · WORKSHEET · THURSDAY FEB 11

John 13 · week 13 of 21

Loved to the End · Questions for the week

READ MONDAY – WEDNESDAY · MEET THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 11

Work the questions over three evenings, and bring the sheet on Thursday. Answer from the text first and write the verse beside every answer.

THE WEEK

Monday	Read John 13 straight through, then again with a pen and mark it · Mon, Feb 8
Tuesday	Read the study notes; answer the Observe questions and count the key words · Tue, Feb 9
Wednesday	Interpret, Weigh the Teachers, the Word study and Apply · Wed, Feb 10
Thursday evening	Together: watch the John 13 part of the film, go through the worksheet, pray · Thu, Feb 11

KEY VERSE

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GROUP WORKSHEET · OBSERVE · INTERPRET · APPLY

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BEFORE YOU ANSWER

1. Read John 13 straight through, then a second time slowly with a pen.
2. Mark what you see: God · commands · repeated words · sin / warnings · promises · time / place.
3. Answer from the text first. Write the verse number beside every answer.

COUNT THE KEY WORDS

Find each word in John 13. Tally it and note the verses. What does John keep coming back to?

WORD	HOW MANY?	VERSES
love / loved		
feet		
wash / washed		
betray		
know / knew		
glorified		

JOHN 13:1–11 The Towel

1 OBSERVE

What did Jesus know as the supper began (13:1, 3)? What did He do next (13:4–5)?

2 OBSERVE

What did Peter say first, how did Jesus answer, and what did Peter say then (13:8–9)?

3 INTERPRET

Jesus says, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean" (13:10). What is the difference between the bath and the foot washing for a believer? Read 1 John 1:9.

4 APPLY

Peter's pride said "Never" and then "everything." Where does your pride refuse to be served by Jesus?

JOHN 13:12–20 The Example

5 OBSERVE

What question does Jesus ask, and what does He say they ought to do (13:12–15)? What promise follows (13:17)?

6 WEIGH THE TEACHERS

Sproul: "Only a gentile slave could be required to do such a menial task." Henry: "no miracle, unless we call it a miracle of humility." Is foot washing an ordinance for churches today? What do all four teachers agree is commanded?

7 APPLY

Whose “feet” do you need to wash this week, a task beneath you for someone who does not deserve it?

JOHN 13:21–30 The Night

8 OBSERVE

What did Jesus announce, and how did He identify the betrayer (13:21, 26)?

9 OBSERVE

What happened after Judas took the morsel, and what does John say as he leaves (13:27, 30)?

10 INTERPRET

The devil put the betrayal in Judas’ heart (13:2), Satan entered him (13:27), and Scripture foretold it (13:18). Who is responsible?

JOHN 13:31–38 The Commandment

11 OBSERVE

What is the new commandment, what is the standard, and what will it show (13:34–35)?

12 WEIGH THE TEACHERS

What is new in the new commandment? Sproul: "There is nothing new about that commandment"; the newness is "the context of the betrayal." Spurgeon: new in extent, motive and nature. What does "as I have loved you" add to "as yourself"?

13 OBSERVE

What does Peter promise, and what does Jesus answer (13:37–38)?

14 INTERPRET

Peter and Judas were both warned and both failed. Guzik: "Peter's denial was terrible, but it wasn't the same as what Judas did." What is the real difference between them?

15 APPLY

Love one another "even as I have loved you." Name one brother you find hard to love, and one specific way you will love him like that this week.

WORD STUDY The Greek behind the English

16 WORD *telos* · G5056 · the end, the goal

"He loved them to the end" (13:1). Compare "It is finished" (19:30), from the same root. What does "to the end" mean for how Jesus loves you?

17 WORD *hypodeigma* · G5262 · an example, a pattern to copy

Jesus says, "I gave you an example" (13:15). What makes His example different from a good role model?

PUT IT TOGETHER The chapter as a whole

The theme. In one or two sentences of your own, what is John 13 about?

Jesus. What does this chapter show you about who Jesus is that you want to remember?

This week. What one thing will you do because of this chapter, and which brother will you tell?

Around the table. Prayer requests and what the other men saw that you missed.

ACTS 17:11 The Chosen check

> ACTS 17:11 · NASB
> *"...examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so."*

WATCH THIS WEEK

Season 5, Episode 7, "The Upper Room Part I" (13:1–21) and Season 5, Episode 5, "Because of Me" (13:21)

Watch the episode after you have read the chapter. Then test it by the text — answer from John first, and write the verse beside every answer.

C1 OBSERVE

Season 5 shows the Last Supper in pieces and out of order. Read 13:1–30 straight through. What is John's order of events?

C2 OBSERVE

In the show a teen boy named Mark leads Peter and John to the room. What does John say about how the room was found?

C3 INTERPRET

What did the episode add that John 13 does not say? Does the addition help you see the text, or does it change what the text means?

C4 APPLY

The Bereans received the word eagerly and examined the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11). Where are you most tempted to let a picture, a sermon or a feeling stand in for the text?

The Chosen is a drama, not Scripture. God's Word is the truth; where the film differs, the Word wins.