

Series: John

Sermon: 13:1-17

1. By washing the disciples' feet, Jesus gave a stunning visual aid to the lessons against pride and selfishness that He had taught His disciples many times. What could it mean to us that the lessons on humility were repeated so often, and yet the disciples failed again to live it?

B. What do think makes such a teaching difficult for the disciples and for us to put into practice?

2. The lessons of humility and serving others were not just for the disciples. Read 1 John 3:16-18 and Gal. 5:13. Think of, and list, some practical ways of obeying these passages in your life.

3. Jesus loved His disciples "to the end." This is another way of describing absolute maximum love. Read Romans 8:31-39. A. Who else does Jesus love as He loved His disciples? _____ B. Why do you think it is that Paul

created such an extensive list of things that could not separate us from the love of Christ?

C. What benefit to we gain in better understanding the love Christ has for us?

4. Satan had a role in the betrayal of Judas towards Jesus. Read James 1:14. Have you ever heard a Christian say something like, "Satan has really been tempting me lately." A. Is it possible that we give too much credit to Satan for our temptations? _____ B. To whom or what does James give the credit to for temptation in James 1:14? _____ C. How does knowing this help you to fight against better against temptation?

5. Several times in Scripture Paul encourages Christians to run from sinful desires. See 1 Cor. 6:8 and 2 Timothy 2:22. What does running from sinful desires look like in real life? Could such running involve the mind? What about the body? Try to think of examples of mentally/spiritually avoiding sin and physically removing temptations as well.
