

Living in God's Big Story, Wk. 3

John 13:1-17 and Selected Scriptures

Main Idea: Humble service is a tangible display of Jesus' work on the cross toward others. When this service is rendered with grace, people will see the reality of Jesus, and he will awaken their need for God.

- 1. 1ST PHASE – Jesus exhibits the heart of service. John 13:1-5**
 - A. Jesus' service flows from his utter security in God. 13:1a, c
 - B. Jesus' service comes at a very messy time.
 - C. Jesus' service is small, but significant. 13:4-5
 - D. Jesus' service is a reenactment of his life and death.
 - E. *Application* – When we serve others, we awaken people to the life and work of Jesus.

- 2. 2ND PHASE – Jesus exhibits the dilemma of service. John 13:6-11**
 - A. First dilemma – Sometimes we will serve and people will misunderstand us. 13:6-8
 - B. Second dilemma – Sometimes we will serve and people will reject us.
 - C. The answer – But this forces us to examine our motives. Service must be toward God, *first*.

- 3. 3RD PHASE – Jesus challenges us to a life of service. John 13:12-17**
 - A. Jesus challenges us to follow his example, specifically to serve as he served. 13:12-16
 - B. Jesus challenges us to not just *know* about service, but to *do* it. 13:17