

JESUS GREATEST HITS PT 8
Growth Group Notes Week 6
PASTOR BOB RICE: SUNDAY MARCH 11, 2018

Main Text: Luke 22:14-34, John 13:1-10

Luke 22:14-34

¹⁴ When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him.

¹⁵ Then He said to them, “With *fervent* desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;

¹⁶ for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide *it* among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

¹⁹ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

²⁰ Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

²¹ But behold, the hand of My betrayer *is* with Me on the table.

²² And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!”

²³ Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.

²⁴ Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest.

²⁵ And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called ‘benefactors.’

²⁶ But not so *among* you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves.

²⁷ For who *is* greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? *Is* it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

³¹ And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat.

³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to *Me*, strengthen your brethren.”

³³ But he said to Him, “Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.”

³⁴ Then He said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me.”

John 13:1-10

¹ Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

² And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s *son*, to betray Him,

³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God,

⁴ rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.

⁵ After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to

wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded.

⁶ Then He came to Simon Peter. And *Peter* said to Him, “Lord, are You washing my feet?”

⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.”

⁸ Peter said to Him, “You shall never wash my feet!”

Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.”

⁹ Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head!”

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “He who is bathed needs only to wash *his* feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.”

Introduction:

1. Throughout human history the dinner table has been the place where families are forged, friends are fueled, and deals are done.
2. The Gospels record the most famous meal of all time, “The Last Supper” of Jesus Christ.
3. At any given time, people tend to operate in their own worlds’ trying to execute their own agendas,’ often removed from the main thing going on around them.
4. Spiritual and maturity demands that we “get into the game” i.e. the program that God is working on and execute His agenda.
5. “Getting into the game” always involves 4 elements:
 1. Find out what God is doing at that time?
 - know what the overall goal is
 - line up your goals with God’s goals
 2. Always have the “ball carriers” back. (keep your eye on the ball)

- The “ball carrier” is the main human vessel that God is using to accomplish His agenda.
- 3. Encourage your team mates to be the best they be.
- 4. Know your role and perform it well.

Notes:

1. The Passover meal (Seder- order or arrangement) was redefined to become The Lord’s Table or Holy Communion.
 - The elements were always meant to be representations, not the **actual** body and blood of Christ.
 - The bread represented his body given in our place.
 - The wine represented his blood that reverses the course of death by satisfying God’s wrath.
 - Jesus did not tell us how often to celebrate Communion. He simply said, “as often as you do it, do this in remembrance of Me.”
2. Judas is identified as a traitor.
 - The Jewish leaders needed an “Inside Informant” to testify against Jesus in court.
 - They paid Judas a bribe of 30 pieces of silver to give a false testimony against Christ.
 - Jesus knew that Judas would betray Him.
 - Judas made a 3-year investment following Jesus, under the assumption that He was coming into power as the Messiah.
 - Judas knew that Jesus’ death was imminent.
 - So he wanted to be on the right side of history and profit in some way from his relationship with Christ.
3. Who is the greatest?
 - In the midst of the establishment of God’s New Covenant, Jesus announcing his imminent death, and a traitor in their midst being revealed, the Table Talk turned to the subject of “who will be the greatest in the kingdom”.
 - Jesus assured them that being the greatest came with a high price tag, suffering and service.
4. Peter is identified as a denier.
 - Peter assured Jesus that he was willing to pay any price to become great in the kingdom, even death.
 - Jesus let Peter know that he would not even make it through the night without denying him three times.
5. Jesus washes the Disciples feet.
 - Jesus ended the Table Talk with an object lesson on service, i.e. “getting in the game”.

- The whole meal had taken place and everyone was so concerned about their own status and comfort that no-one took the initiative to wash their brother's feet.
- So Jesus, the "ball carrier," had to get out of position in order to show the brothers the respect that they all deserved.
- Convicted and humiliated, Peter refused to let Jesus wash his feet.
- Jesus taught Peter that if he didn't participate, then he would be off the team.
- Jesus taught that in this life we will get dirty but if we confess our sins he will forgive and cleanse us of those sins.
- This simple act by Jesus serves as the eternal example to His Church as the type of leadership we are to demonstrate as Christians.

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Questions:

1. From Sunday's Sermon, was there a particular point, comment, or scripture that caught your attention or challenged you?

2. Is the dinner table still as important as it used to be? Why?

3. Do you agree that the Last Supper was the most important meal ever served? Why or why not?

4. Give some examples of people being in their own world while important things are going on around them.

5. What is the Seder? What does the word "Seder" mean?

6. Explain how Jesus redefined the Passover celebration. Give the original definition first.

7. Why do you think that Judas betrayed Jesus?

8. Why was the disciple's conversation on "who will be the greatest in the kingdom", so indicative of the human condition?

9. Do Christians today have thoughts and desires like the Disciples did?

a. How do these thoughts and desires play out in the church?

b. How do they play out in our families?

10. Why is **Servant Leadership** important to God?
