

A MEAL TO REMEMBER

Easter is only two weeks away. There is so much to remember; so much to appreciate. Almost half of the Gospel of John is about the final week of Jesus. What might be the event to remember that may be so familiar that we miss it?

John 13:1-20

What do we learn from Jesus' example during this special time together with his disciples?

- We learn what motivated Jesus:
 “he loved them . . .”
 “Love one another . . . as I have loved you!” (13:34)
- We learn what Jesus knew:
 He had confidence because he knew his identity & destiny.
 What was he able to do, knowing this? Step down.
- We learn what Jesus was willing to do:
 “The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life — only to take it up again.” (John 10:17)
- We learn what matters to Jesus :
 “You are clean.”
 There is a difference between a bath and a wash.
- We learn what characterizes Jesus:
 “Greatness is servicing”
 Jesus passes the baton = sent to serve!

Communion

We are together with Jesus; we are confessing our need;
 we are washed clean; we are following Him;
 we are sent into this world!

Reflective Questions

- 1) Why might a meal be a great setting to share something important? Can you remember such a meal in your life?
- 2) What aspect of Jesus' example impresses you the most? How might you follow it?
- 3) We are called servants and messengers; what does that mean to you?

