



OWNING THE
MISSION AND VISION
OF CHRIST THE KING

Part 5: I'm In Community
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John 13:1-17

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

²The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean.

¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

When Jesus hosts a small group...

1. He initiates a gathering (verses 1-2)
2. He understands the innate need we all have for deep friendship (Genesis 1:26-27)
3. He understands the spiritual significance of being together (Matthew 18:20)

4. He models the humility needed to serve (verses 3-5)
5. He welcomes the awkward and the uncomfortable moments (verses 6-9)
6. He has grace for the brokenness of the people in the room (verse 10)
7. He embodies the “one-another” commands of scripture (verses 2-14)
8. He goes first (verse 15)
9. He mandates a blessing based on our obedience (verse 17)

A Question from our Core Commitments
Am I consistently participating in biblical community
through a CTK small group?
Am I in?

Next Steps

Interested in being part of a small group? Pastors Ryan Ervin and Brian Steele will be in the Commons after every service to answer your questions and tell you more about the upcoming Small Group Launch (see details below). If you're not ready for a home small group, almost every class and ministry we offer includes a small group component for discussion and prayer. Pick up the new fall edition of CTK Life in the Commons today and check out all the opportunities!

Small Group Launch

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 • 6:30-8:00 PM IN BASE CAMP

At our Small Group Launch, you'll have free dinner, see all the new small groups that will be starting, and find one that best fits your life. Free childcare at the launch is provided for those who RSVP by September 27th. **Register online, at the Connection Point, or contact Jayne Doll (x272 or jayned@ctk.church).**

Small Group Questions

- 1) What is your favorite group activity? What is your favorite solo activity?
- 2) “Life is better lived together.” Agree or disagree, and why?
- 3) How do you think you would've responded if Jesus tried to wash your feet?
- 4) Is there anything you would change about your small group based on Jesus' small group example with his disciples?
- 5) What blessing have you received from being a part of a small group?
- 6) How can we pray for you today?