

Home Groups Questions

October 9, 2011

Lessons at the Dinner Table

John 13:1-17

Leaders: The questions below are to help you facilitate discussion in your Home Group. They are normally connected in some way to the Sunday morning sermon, but this week our choir will be leading our entire service in worship, song, and the Lord's Supper. Therefore, the questions are not connected to our morning worship. There may be a question that you do not want to use and there may be instances where you just want to focus on a particular point. Feel free to do that.

Icebreakers/ Conversation Starters – These are questions designed to create community and encourage conversation.

1. When you were growing up, what were mealtimes like? How often did you eat a meal together? Did everyone sit in the same spot every night? What is one vivid memory you have of a family meal?
2. What is the strangest thing you have ever eaten? What were the circumstances?
3. Who would you nominate in your family or church for the "Mother Teresa Award" for selfless and tireless servanthood?
4. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much of a foot person are you? (1 – I hate feet and 10 – I love feet)

Turn to John 13:1-17 and read it.

This morning we participated in the Lord's Supper. This passage is a reminder of another important event that took place around the same time as that first Lord's Supper.

- 1) According to verses 1, 3, & 11, what does Jesus know that the disciples do not know?
- 2) Even though Jesus knew all things, the King of Kings puts on a servant's towel. What impresses you most about Jesus washing their feet?
- 3) Peter was very uncomfortable with Jesus washing his feet. Why do you think Peter struggled with this? How would you feel in this situation?
- 4) What did Jesus mean when he said, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me?"

5) Jesus washed his disciples feet and then turned to them and said, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have do for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than the one who sent him."

- What does it mean for us to "wash one another's feet"?
- How do we serve others without being taken advantage of? Should this even be a concern for us? (*Leader Note: Jesus' knowledge didn't keep him from washing the feet of Judas...*)
- If you had to give yourself a grade from A to F, how would you grade your "wash one another's feet" performance over the last month?
- Is there ever a time that servanthood comes naturally to you? And, is there ever a time when servanthood is difficult?

6) Do Christians have a reputation that reflects Jesus' example in John 13? Explain.

Prayer Time

Calendar:

October 16 – Home Groups
October 23 – Home Groups (SCHEDULE CHANGE)
October 30 – Evening Worship Service (SCHEDULE CHANGE)
November 6 – Home Groups
November 13 – Home Groups
November 20 – Harvest Dinner