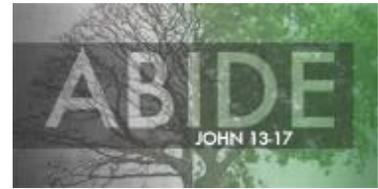


"He's going to leave?"
John 13.1-5
January 18, 2015
Growth Group Questions



Welcome to your growth group! Our vision is to be transformed into fully devoted followers of Jesus. Listen, encourage, challenge, pray for one another and act, being changed by His Holy Spirit. Please be sure you get to question 4, even if you need to go quickly over another question.

1. Think about a time you would have longed to have Jesus physically present. Share what difference you think His physical presence would have made for you, and for others around you.

2. It might have seemed to those living through this seemingly tragic last weekend of Jesus' life on earth that everything was coming off the rails! The devil seems to be getting the upper hand. Yet John 13.1-5 reveals a very different reality: Jesus is in charge around here!
 - a. How does Romans 8.28-29 help us see this great truth? What is the good of verse 28? (Hint: ". . . to be conformed to the image of His Son!")

 - b. Share about a place in your life you need to be reminded, "Jesus is in charge around here." Pray for one another.

3. Jesus' love for His own isn't dependent upon our loving or obeying Him! He loves us because He loves us! Think about a scripture which teaches this radical Gospel truth. How does this truth change you?

4. When we experience God's crazy love for us, we are changed and grow in real, practical, picking-up-the-towel and stooping-down love for others. Look ahead to next week's message, John 13.14-15 and John's First Letter, 1 John 3.16-18. As a group, begin thinking, praying, planning and carrying out a stooping-down, hands-on, practical ministry for others during this Growth Group session.

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Message Notes



Hushed Conversations

John 13.1

Jesus is in charge around here

He loves His own because He's crazy about His own

John 13.2-3

Since Jesus is in control, I don't have to be!

John 13.3-5

God-connected people stoop-down low