HUMILITY: UNLESS I WASH YOU

COMPLETED NOTES / JOHN 13:1–17



Peter's Formation

IDENTITY → CALLING → DISCIPLESHIP → FAITH → CONFESSION → CORRECTION
SURRENDER → GLORY → FREEDOM → FORGIVENESS → GRATITUDE → HUMILITY

FORMATION FOCUS: HUMILITY

Jesus teaches Peter to receive His gracious cleansing and follow His example of humble service.

BIG IDEA

Jesus graciously provides the cleansing His disciples need and calls them to follow His example of humble, loving service.

I. Jesus demonstrates His love through humble service.

JOHN 13:1–5

• Jesus loves His own to the **end**.

• Jesus serves with full knowledge of His **authority**.

• Jesus takes the place of a **servant**.

Jesus serves knowingly and willingly. His humility does not diminish His lordship.

His humble service expresses His love and lordship.

II. Jesus teaches Peter to receive the cleansing only He can provide.

JOHN 13:6–11

• Peter does not yet **understand** what Jesus is doing.

• Peter must receive the cleansing **Jesus** provides.

• Outward washing does not guarantee inward **cleansing**.

The physical act does not save. The bath and footwashing distinction must not become an explicit justification/confession formula.

Peter must receive what only Jesus can provide.

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III. Jesus calls His disciples to serve others as He has served them.

JOHN 13:12–17

• Jesus remains their Teacher and **Lord**.

• Jesus gives His disciples an **example** to follow.

• Jesus connects blessing with **doing** what He teaches.

The command requires action. Our service follows Christ's saving work; it cannot reproduce or replace it.

Receiving His grace leads to humble, loving service.

REFLECTION & RESPONSE

1. What does Peter's exchange with Jesus reveal about my need to receive from Christ?

2. Where have I treated humble service as beneath me?

3. Whom will I serve, what will I do, and when will I begin?

CHRIST AT THE CENTER

Christ's saving service comes first. Our humble service follows.

John 13:1–17 • His saving work is unique; His example calls us to serve.

Receive His gracious cleansing. Follow His example of humble, loving service.