



**The Humble King- John 13:1-17**  
March 8th, 2015

## OBSERVE & REFLECT

*(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon.)*

### READ John 13:1-17

- ☀ Read the text at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ☀ What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have from the text? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.

## INVESTIGATE & APPLY

*(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the Scripture.)*

1. Read v.1. What was the significance of the feast of Passover? Why is this an important detail? How does verse 1 set the context for what would happen in these verses, and in the final days of Jesus' life?
2. Read v. 2-5. Why would have this been shocking to the disciples? Read Luke 22:24 for a little more information on their mindset. How is the mindset of Jesus and the mindset of the disciples contrasted here? Read Philippians 2, as Paul describes this in a beautiful way.
3. Read v.6-11. Peter makes three statements in response to Jesus' washing his feet. Each statement shows his lack of understanding, and Jesus responds with a corresponding truth that is crucial for both Peter and us to know.  
Summarize Jesus' teaching in each statement:
  - v.7-
  - v.8-
  - v.10-
4. Read v.12-17. Jesus further explains why he did what he did.
  - Why is verse 13 important? (Hint: Jesus makes a massive claim here)
  - What does he want us to know in these verses?
  - Even more than knowing, Jesus emphasizes "doing" (v.15,17). Do you find it easy to know truth but do nothing about it?

"Jesus knew he was about to endure great suffering, die, rise from the grave, and then receive glory as the ruler of all creation. Despite knowing all of that, Jesus slipped away from the table and silently traded His robes for the attire of a slave. But not just any slave, the lowest rank of slave. A slave who washes road grime from the feet of houseguests."  
-Chuck Swindoll

## NEXT STEPS

- What did Jesus know that helped him enter into this week of chaos with calmness and confidence? Do you know/ believe those things that will give you clarity in the midst of chaos?
- How do Jesus words to Peter in verse 8 and 10 apply to your life? Have you allowed Jesus to "wash" you? Do you understand your need for continued repentance and belief that leads to growth and fellowship with God?
- Name some ways that you practically obey Jesus' command that we follow his example. Think through your life in concentric circles, starting with the people that you are closest to (spouse, kids, parents, siblings), and then moving outward (neighbors, classmates, co-workers, etc.) and list out how you can practically serve them in the same way that Jesus modeled in this passage.