Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Sunday 1st November 2026
Baptism Sunday

Washed by Jesus, to serve like Jesus

12 When 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. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. **John 13:12-13**

1. **In order to have any part in Jesus- we need to be washed by Jesus John 13:1-11**

2. **Now that Jesus has washed you- you also should wash one another's feet. John 13:12-17.**

A. Examining the texts.

Discussion Starter: What is one of the most memorable acts of kindness or service that someone has ever done for you, and why did it mean so much to you?

1. Read John 13:1-2. What does John mean by "the hour," had come and why is the context of Passover significant to the story?

2. Read John 13:3-5. Given what John says about Jesus in verse 3, why are Jesus actions in verse 4 & 5 surprising?

3. Read John 13:6-11. Why do you think Peter objected initially to Jesus washing his feet? How does Jesus response to his objection make us think he was talking about more than washing feet?

4. Read John 13:12-17. What are the implications of Jesus saying that he is our Lord and our teacher? What awaits the person who follows Jesus & does as Jesus says?

B. Meditation & application

5. Because Jesus knew he had all authority and power, that he had come from God and was returning to God- he washed his disciples feet. How are these two, seemingly opposite things connected?

6. How is Passover and what Jesus does in this passage connected?

7. Jesus is a servant king who washes us- how does this to enable us to serve others and keep us from feeling bitter as we do?

8. What does this passage teach us about Jesus and how does it point to the gospel of Jesus being "good news?"

9. What is one practical way we could serve someone this week, especially someone we might normally overlook?

Heavenly Father; Thank you that you sent Jesus- thank you that you gave him all authority and power and thankyou that he washes us and makes us clean. Help us to learn from him as our Lord and teacher how we can serve those around us. Amen