

Resolved to Serve Sacrificially

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, January 14th, 2018; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: Jesus Christ did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. Therefore, He calls all those who believe in Him to be humble and servant-hearted in their love one another, by this all people will know that we are His disciples.

I. Jesus Served His Disciples – Read John 13:1-30 and answer the following questions.

- A. What is the context of John 13 and what does it mean that Jesus' "*hour*" had come to depart?
- B. Verse 2 introduces us to Judas Iscariot and provides a radical contrast to what Jesus will do to serve His disciples. What do you know about Judas? How does (vv.21-30) fill in the details?
- C. What are all the details in this passage that highlight that Jesus is God? Hint: What are all the things that Jesus "*knows*" in (vv.3, 11, 19)?
- D. What do you know about foot washing in the ancient Near East? What stands out to you about Jesus' willingness to wash the disciples feet? What about washing Judas Iscariot's feet?
- E. What about Jesus' interaction with Peter in (vv.6-11) stands out to you?
- E. What reasons does Jesus give us to follow His example as believers (vv.12-20)?

II. Called to Serve Others – Read John 13:31-35 and answer the following questions.

- A. What is Jesus' command us to do as believers in (v.34)? Why do you think says that this is a new commandment? In what ways is it new?
- B. What does it look like to love one another as He has loved us? What do you think is the core attitude of a person who serves others sacrificially and how did Jesus model that attitude?
- C. Where would you like to grow in being humble? How does your speech demonstrate pride in your life? How does your attitude demonstrate pride in your life? How about your actions?
- D. As you think about 2018, how would you like to grow in your resolve to serve sacrificially?
- E. As you think about your family at Christ Proclamation Church, how can we work together to grow in our resolve to serve one another sacrificially?
- F. Read Matt. 5:16 and Phil. 2:14-16. How do these verses help you understand Jesus' statement in John 13:35 that all people will know that we are His disciples by our love for one another?