



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of June 25, 2023

Sermon Text John 13:1-17

[1] Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. [2] During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, [3] Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, [4] rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. [5] Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. [6] He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" [7] Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." [8] Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." [9] Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" [10] Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." [11] For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." [12] When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? [13] You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. [14] If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. [15] For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. [16] Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. [17] If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiikaichurch.org/sermons/page/1>.

Discussion Questions

1. Are equity and fairness good things, and if so, do you agree with our sermon's premise that we should pursue an "unfair love"? Why or why not? What do you think "transactional love" means?
2. Most of us think we are loving individuals, but are we truly? How does sin impact our perception of ourselves and why is it important to really know what is going on in our hearts?
3. Look at v.15 & 16. What do these verses say about our attitude towards Christ when we fail to "love unfairly"?

4. Jesus washing filthy feet shows us that love can be costly; it is often dirty and sacrificial, and is not something we inherently want to do. What are some examples of “foot washing” activities in your own relationships? (Feel free to be as general or as specific as you feel comfortable sharing)
5. Why should we pursue an unfair love? What benefit is there for me when I wash the feet of the Judas in my life? How do you think God views these acts of unfair love?