God’s Servant  
John 13:1-17

I. True servanthood is motivated by love. (v. 1-2)

“feast of Passover” (John 1:29; 2:13; 6:4; 13:1; 19:14; Exodus 12:7, 12-13; 1 Corinthians 5:7; 11:23-26; Luke 22:20; Matthew 26:19-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-39)

“when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father” (John 2:4; 7:30; 8:20; 12:23)

“having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.” (Ephesians 3:19; John 3:16; 15:13; Romans 5:8; 1 John 3:16)

“And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;” (John 12:1-11; 15:13; 17:12; Matthew 5:43-48; 26:14-16; Isaiah 28:15, 18; 1 Corinthians 8:1; 10:24; 13:4-7; Philippians 2:3-4; Ephesians 4:2, 32; Romans 5:8; 12:9; Galatians 5:13; 1 John 3:16)

II. True servanthood is shown by humility. (v. 4-11)

“Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;” (John 10:17-18)

“He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.” (Matthew 23:11; Luke 22:24-27)

“Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.” (Matthew 20:28)

“Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.” (Psalm 51:2; Ezekiel 36:24-25; Zechariah 13:1; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Ephesians 5:25-27; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Titus 3:5; Revelation 1:5-6; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 2:24)

“He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.” (John 15:3; 1 Peter 2:9; Exodus 29:4; 30:18-21; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Titus 2:14; 1 John 1:9)

“and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.” (John 6:70-71)

III. True servanthood is obedient with joy. (v. 12-17)

“Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.” (Luke 6:46; 22:24-27; 1 Timothy 5:10; Matthew 18:15-20; Galatians 6:1-2; 1 Peter 5:5; Philippians 2:1-8)

“If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.” (John 20:29; Luke 11:28; 1 John 2:6)