

## What's Next—Choose Community

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“Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end.<sup>2</sup> It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.<sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God.<sup>4</sup> So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist,<sup>5</sup> and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.<sup>6</sup> When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, ‘Lord, are you going to wash my feet?’<sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, ‘You don’t understand now what I am doing, but someday you will.’<sup>8</sup> ‘No,’ Peter protested, ‘you will never ever wash my feet!’ Jesus replied, ‘Unless I wash you, you won’t belong to me.’<sup>9</sup> Simon Peter exclaimed, ‘Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!’<sup>10</sup> Jesus replied, ‘A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you.’<sup>11</sup> For Jesus knew who would betray him. That is what he meant when he said, ‘Not all of you are clean.’<sup>12</sup> After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, ‘Do you understand what I was doing?’<sup>13</sup> You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you are right, because that’s what I am.<sup>14</sup> And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet.<sup>15</sup> I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.<sup>16</sup> I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message.<sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.’”

John 13: 1-17 (NLT)

**Connecting people to Jesus through intentional relationships with one another.**

## Small Group Discussion Opportunities

Discuss these questions together.

1. How many spheres do you move in and out of in a one to two week cycle (church, work, school, social clubs, sports teams, small groups, poker games, coffee houses, etc...)?
2. How many of those groups are overtly centered on Jesus and how many are not?
3. We are beginning to identify these spheres as communities of people—and the need to expose them to the heart of Jesus. What tools are available to us in this moment and what tools do we need to pray for?
4. Jesus compromised his position many times in His ministry and commanded that we do the same. Where does that create a challenge in your own life?

**Support received for SCF January 13, 2019**

**Needed:** \$ 34,015 **Given:** \$ 32,903 **Under:** \$ 1,112

### Prayer Focus: Support and Recovery

Our January prayer focus is centered on support and recovery groups.

Join us in praying for

- healing and peace for individuals in support and recovery groups;
- discernment and wisdom for support and recovery group facilitators;
- strength and encouragement for family members as they support their loved ones.

SCF offers a variety of support and recovery groups throughout the week.

The Power to Change workshop: Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) happens to women, men, and children from all walks of life, all economic backgrounds, and ethnicities. The Power to Change is a free 8-week workshop from 6:45 - 8:45 pm, January 29th - March 19th. We will look at IPV through generational exploration, self-examination of boundaries, emotions, and norms, as well as integrating tools to support survivors who are transitioning out of IPV relationships.

GriefShare facilitator needed - Tuesday evenings from 6:45 - 8:15 pm.  
Training provided.

If you or someone you know needs counseling, please email [counseling@scf.net](mailto:counseling@scf.net) and set-up a no-cost appointment with our staff Marriage and Family Therapist Intern.