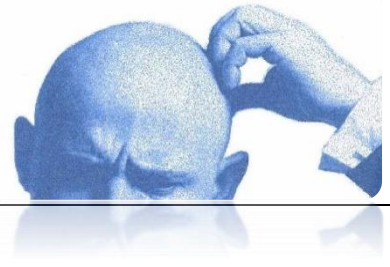


## The Last Supper

# Small Group Questions

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The following questions are intended to start conversations.  
Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.

Our preaching series during the season of Epiphany will pick up stories in John 12-15 (*Light in Dark Places*). Questions will be provided each week to help you think about these stories **BEFORE** you listen to the sermon. It is our hope that this will encourage your own study and prepare you for the upcoming sermon.

- In contrast with the other gospel writers, John gives the Last Supper narrative 5 chapters. Why do you suppose he does this?
- NOTE: the Greek word *kosmos* (world) appears 38 times in these chapters. Although *kosmos* can refer to creation, in these chapters it almost always refers to the way of the world that stands in contrast with the way of Jesus. In the weeks to come, notice how Jesus challenges his disciples to relate to the world (example: John 15:18-19)
- Read **John 13:1-20**. What is the main point of this story? In other words, why is Jesus doing what he is doing in this story?
- Read **Philippians 2:5-8**. How does this text shed light on John 13? What does this text say about the nature of God?
- After washing their feet, what did Jesus ask his disciples to do? Given that foot washing is a cultural practice, what would this look like in Calgary? Give examples.
- Why does Peter not want his feet washed? What did he fail to understand?
- Which is harder... washing the feet of others or allowing Jesus to wash ours? Why?
- Although this whole story is shocking, the fact that Judas is included verges on crazy. Jesus *knew* that Judas would betray him (v. 11) yet still washed his feet. Why would Jesus do that? What does this tell us about God operates?
- Who might be “Judas” in your world? What would it look like to “wash their feet?” **This question can be answered individually or as a group.**
- How does verse 1 help us understand this event (and the events to come)?