

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

## JOHN 13:1 - 20 - "CHRIST'S HIGH CALLING: GO LOW!"

### I. What Jesus Knows...

1) Jesus knows that His time has come to \_\_\_\_\_ this earth and go back to His Father.  
**John 13:1a; 17:5; Hebrews 12:2b -**

Note: The anticipation of being back with His Father did not, in any way, sidetrack or stop Jesus from fully, completely, and \_\_\_\_\_ loving His men.

**John 17:26 -** "I made known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

**1 John 3:1a -** "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are!"

God's love is a gracious, sovereign, redeeming, unconditional, faithful, interceding, sacrificial, generous love!

**Philippians 2:6-8 -**

2) Jesus knows that the Father has entrusted \_\_\_\_\_ into His hands.  
**John 13:3a; 3:35; Matthew 26:52-53; Mark 14:61b-62; Luke 23:43 -**

**Mark 10:42-45 -**

**Philippians 2:5 -** "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus..."

Note: By God's grace we've got to \_\_\_\_\_ the way we think about ourselves and the love & service we show towards others.

**1 John 4:7-8 -**

3) Jesus knows where He \_\_\_\_\_ and where He's going.  
**John 13:3 -**

4) Jesus knows that Judas is \_\_\_\_\_ away from betraying Him.  
**John 13:11a -**

Note: This is proof positive that God is so kind & so patient even to His \_\_\_\_\_!

**Matthew 5:44-45 -**

5) Jesus knows those who are \_\_\_\_\_ His.

**John 13:18a** -

Note: Jesus wants them to have complete confidence in His \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge.

**John 10:14-15** - *“I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.”*

## II. The Obvious...

1) It's obvious that the disciples are, at this point, \_\_\_\_\_ & self-centered.

2) It's obvious that Jesus wants His followers to \_\_\_\_\_ & joyfully GO LOW!!!

**John 13:17** - *“If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”*

**Romans 12:9-10** - *“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.”*

3) It's obvious that begrudging, resentful, reluctant servants \_\_\_\_\_ really honor Jesus.

**Acts 20:35** - *“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*

## III. The Not-So-Obvious...

1) There's \_\_\_\_\_ than just “foot-washing-sacrificial-service” being discussed here.

Note: There is NO cleansing from sin apart from \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Jesus indicates that Peter IS clean/washed and yet needs \_\_\_\_\_ foot-cleansing.

Note: I think we're getting an illustration here about justification (positional cleansing) AND ongoing \_\_\_\_\_ communion (intimacy & fellowship) with Christ.

**James 3:2a** - *“For we all stumble in many ways.”*

**Matthew 6:12** - *“...forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”*

**Psalms 51:12** - *“Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.”*

**Matthew 11:28-30** - *“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”*