



## THE GOSPEL OF

# JOHN

### John 13:1-7: The Servant

#### MAIN THING

Become Great by Becoming the Least

#### SCRIPTURE

John 13:1-7, Matthew 20:25-28

#### ICEBREAKER

Take a second and ask everybody to name someone with some serious power; Donald Trump, Bill Gates, Warren Buffet, or any number of other very wealthy and powerful people. Now ask them what they think the lowest task would be that they would do. Do people in power typically take on menial tasks? Do they typically “lower” themselves to do the work of those underneath them?

#### OPENING THOUGHT

Christ was not typical in any way, shape, or form. He didn't see Himself as “too good” for any task. He was willing to take on the task of washing His own disciples feet. They were the ones who were to serve Him. They were the ones who should be at His feet, but that's not how Jesus works. In this weeks sermon, we learned that, in order to be great, you need to have a servants heart. This is at the heart of the entire Church. When we become a people who serve, we truly become a great people.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. Put yourself in the disciples' place. What would be your reaction if you saw the same man who raised Lazarus from the dead, turned water into wine, healed many . . . . performing the task of the lowest servant in the house? What would you have told Jesus when you saw this?
3. Look up and read Matthew 20:25-28. The Gospel of Matthew records more of Jesus' words at this event. What does Jesus identify as the difference in how people define greatness and how God defines greatness? What does Jesus identify as His primary mission?
4. Read John 13:15-16. What instructions does Jesus give His disciples: the Church?

#### LIFE APPLICATION

5. Starting with your family/friends, how can you become great by serving?

#### CHALLENGE

What are some practical ways our community groups at Catalyst Christian Church can demonstrate Jesus' concept of greatness in our community and in our world? Take some time to follow up on your discussion last week about your mission. How can that mission be fulfilled through serving?