

This Week's Devotional Thoughts

Read John 13:8--It is such an important message to all believers.

Jesus knew that we could only be a part of Him if we were washed by Him. He also showed us that this cleansing would result in humble service.

As you consider this message, consider the following for your week ahead.

In what ways do I serve my church (13:4-5)? How can sowing generously in the Breakthrough Initiative be an act of service?

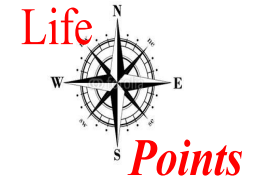
How do I go about serving my family, my coworkers, my neighbors, and my community?

How can I seek to meet the tangible needs of those whom God has placed in my life?

Would those who know me best say that I have a servant's heart? Why or why not?

How has the reality of 2 Corinthians 5:21 impacted my life in the area of serving with humility?

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Humble Gospel
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John 13:1-17

The power of the Gospel is love.

Luke 24:22-27 Phil 2:5-11

The purpose of the Gospel is transformation.

Justification

Gal 2:16 Rom 8:1-4 2 Cor 5:21

Sanctification

2 Tim 2:21 Rom 6:1-6;12-14 Gal 2:20

The practice of the Gospel is humility.

Think of a time when someone really showed you a great deal of love. Relay the circumstances and the reason you say it was truly love.

How do we really know when someone loves us? How does someone know when we truly love them?

The Gospel means good news and that news is expressed through love.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1 - 7

In what ways do you think love is tied to the “Good News” (gospel)?

How does the way we express love to others impact their decision for Christ - or does it?

If the gospel is good news to set people free and they stay in bondage and choose bondage in their lives, how can we still love them without enabling them to continue in their sinful ways?

Read John 13:1 - 4

John 13:1---Jesus knew that he was going to leave this earthly plane. He knew what was ahead of him and still he had a deep lesson for his disciples. Of course doing good with our own two hands is always important. NO job done out of love is beneath a child of God.

How difficult was it for Jesus to love Judas? How difficult would it have been for you?

What example does Jesus give us in loving those who are difficult to love?

Praise the Lord that the love of Jesus has made it's way to our very soul. We can be changed/ transformed through the love of Jesus fulfilled at the cross and in the resurrection.

Read Gal. 2:16 - 17; Romans 3:21-26; Romans 5:18-19--An important part of our belief is our faith in Jesus to forgive our sins.

What does it mean to you to be declared justified?

In John 13:10 Jesus declared that the disciples were “clean” , (though not every one of them). That is another way of declaring that they were justified.

Why was it important for the disciples to know that, and why is it important for believers to understand this idea of justification?

Consider these verses - Titus3:7 and Rom 1:17

If you know you are declared righteous by God, how does that impact your life and your faith?

Jesus showed he loved his disciples to the end. He took the basin and towel and washed their feet. Jesus was truly our example of what it means to humbly love others.

Read John 13: 13-17

Some say attitude is everything. Jesus was giving love in one of the most humiliating ways.

Why must love be tied to humility?

What happens to our witness for the gospel if humility is not present?

What are some examples of servant ministry that you have seen? How did they impact you? What have you done with being an example of humble service?