



## COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

# Grow: John 13 - 17, Part 1

## *The Way Up is Down*

### **INTRODUCTION**

This weekend, as we began our “Grow” series, we looked at John 13. Jesus is teaching His disciples incredibly important lessons for when He leaves them. He tells them that true followers of Christ are those who joyfully lay down their lives for one another. Not only does Jesus say this, but He also demonstrates it by washing the disciples feet. If we are going to grow in our Christian walk with God, we must follow His example and joyfully serve others.

### **Opening Questions**

1. When you think of ways to “grow” in your Christian faith, what pops into your mind?
2. Was there anything in this week’s sermon that gave you a new perspective on growing in your walk with the Lord?

### **BIBLE STUDY**

A good way to study the Bible is by using three steps: Observation, Interpretation, and Application. We want to observe the passage first to get an idea of what is happening. Then we interpret the meaning of the passage so that we can apply it to our lives. The following questions will follow this pattern as we look through this Biblical passage.

**Scripture: Read John 13**

## **Observation**

1. What do the first three verses of John 13 tell us about this event that makes it particularly important?
2. What is the “big deal” about Jesus washed the disciples feet?
3. Why is it significant that Jesus washed the disciples feet?

## **Interpretation**

4. How does Jesus washing the disciples feet relate to the New Commandment that He gives to the disciples in Verse 34?
5. What do we learn about Jesus through Judas’ betrayal?
6. What can Peter’s words in verse 36 teach us about “growing” in the Christian walk?

## **Application**

7. What are some practical ways that you can love the Christian Community around you?
8. Who are some people in your life that God has given you an opportunity to serve?

## **PRAYER**

*1 John 4:7 - "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God."*

As Christians, the way that we show the world that we follow Jesus is by loving one another. This means that one of the highest callings on our lives as Christians is to love our Christian brothers and sisters. With this hope in mind pray for:

1. God to strengthen Mercy Church as the Body of Christ in unity and love for one another.
2. God's power to be present in our Community Groups as the Holy Spirit searches our hearts and grows us.
3. God to continue to give wisdom to our church leaders so that we continue to walk in His ways.