

WORKOUT

JOHN 13:21-38

Believe
and
LIVE
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



Read all of John chapter 13, focusing on verses 21-38.

Consider the urgency of Jesus's call to keep His commands (13:17), to receive Him (13:20; 1:12), and to believe in Him (14:1) in light of Judas's betrayal (13:21-30). What implications does this have for your personal self-examination, confession, and pursuit of Christ?

- Consider Peter's confidence (13:37) in light of Jesus's revelation that one of His disciples is going to betray Him (13:21). Where does your confidence come from? Is your assurance of your own salvation rooted in your resolve and belief in yourself (13:37) or in God who keeps His sheep (10:28-29)?

Meditate on God's glory, the union of the Father and the Son, and the love of the Son.

- What is God's glory? (13:31-32; 1:14; 7:39; 17:1-2; Psalm 19:1; Exodus 33:17-23; 1 Chronicles 16:23-34; Hebrews 1:3; Revelation 21:23)
- Why does it matter for the Christian life that His glory is God's ultimate aim? (Isaiah 48:9-11; John 5:44; 11:4; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Peter 4:11; Ephesians 1:11-14; Revelation 4:11)
- How has Jesus loved us? What implications does this have for how we love one another? (John 13:34-35; 3:16; 15:12-13; 1 John 3:16; 4:7-12; Romans 13:8-10; 1 Timothy 1:5; Ephesians 5:2)

Pray Holistically

Read John 13:34-35 and pray for your church family.

- Father, thank you for my church family. Help us to love one another, as Scripture defines love and as Jesus has loved us. Keep our love from remaining shallow or conditional. May it be sacrificial and purposed to build one another up into Christlikeness. I pray that the watching world would know, by our love, that we follow Jesus— the light of the world, our good shepherd, the resurrection and the life.

Pray Personally

- Read John 13:35 and think about the people God has placed in your life. Pray for them by name, asking the Lord to help you love them well.
- Read John 13:37-38. Pray that you would not be self-confident in your pursuit of following Jesus, but would trust in His name, follow His voice as your good shepherd, and walk in Him: the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus is the exemplary servant. We know love because He has loved us. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (13:34).

- This week, memorize John 13:34-35.
- Every morning, pray John 13:34-35 and ask the Lord to give you eyes to see opportunities to love others as Jesus has loved you.
- Every day, pay attention to the opportunities that you have to love others, and the way that you respond to these opportunities.
 - How often do you have opportunities to act in love towards others? How many chances to love someone else do you recognize in a day?
 - If loving one another is a key way that the world knows our identity as Jesus followers (13:35), does your life reflect this? In addition to your personal reflection, ask a trusted brother or sister in Christ what they have observed in your life with regards to this question.
 - When you have the opportunity to sacrificially love someone else, what is your initial reaction? Are you hesitant? Do you respond begrudgingly? Are you joyful?

