

- 1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
- 2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
- 3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Eighteen—The Gospel of John Chapter 13:1–30

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- 1. John 13:1 and 3 refer to facts Jesus knew.
 - a) What were these facts?

 - b) Re-read John 8:13–14. Why do you think it is important that we remember “Jesus knew”?

- 2. a) Who are “His own” in John 13:1?
 - b) How did Jesus feel about them?

- 3. a) Compare:

Simon Peter’s questions in John 13:6, 24	Jesus’ answers in John 13:7, 26
Simon Peter’s refusal in John 13:8	Jesus’ answer in John 13:8

- b) Write an unchanging truth you learned from this comparison.
4. a) Why did Simon Peter refuse to allow Jesus to wash his feet in John 13:8? Be thorough.
- b) In what areas of your life do you see yourself “refusing” Jesus? Will you bring this to the Lord in prayer?
- c) In what ways would you like to emulate Peter in his response to Jesus in John 13:9?
5. In John 13:10, Jesus says that Peter “is clean.” Why is he clean? Read John 15:3 and Ephesians 5:25–27 for some insight. Why aren’t all of them clean?
6. a) From John 13:12–17, summarize, using your own words, Jesus’ explanation for why He washed the disciples’ feet. Include in your explanation the attitude and motivation he sets in His example.
- b) Pray for direction and name one person (or group of persons) you will serve and one specific way you will model Jesus’ example in serving this person (or group).

7. Anatomy of Betrayal

- a) Compare and contrast: Re-read John 12:4–6. What do you think Judas Iscariot's thoughts and feelings were compared to the other disciples?
- At the beginning of the meal (John 13:2)
 - After Jesus washes their feet and testifies about the betrayal (John 13:21)
 - When Judas takes the bread (John 13:27, 30)
- b) Think back to a recent episode of betrayal in your life. Did the betrayal happen suddenly? Did you witness a slow progression of compromise that allowed Satan to step in? What signs could alert you to future acts of betrayal? What could you do or say that might help prevent betrayal or assist in repentance? What will you do now to promote healing? Use the space below to journal your thoughts and feelings, if you wish. Lift your thoughts and feelings in prayer to the Lord, who understands betrayal. (Note to leaders: You may want to ask for a volunteer to share her thoughts for this question).

8 a) Why does Jesus choose this time to tell the disciples about the betrayal according to John 13:19?

b) Name the individuals involved in the betrayal. Who is responsible for Jesus' betrayal? Why? Be thorough.

c) Read Psalm 41:9 and John 13:21. How do you think Jesus felt about Judas' impending betrayal of Him?

- d) Why do you think Jesus said, “What you are about to do, do quickly” in John 13:27? Why didn't Jesus stop Judas?
- e) What options do you have once you've betrayed Jesus? (Does it have to stay “night” when you walk away from Jesus?)