

# LOVE

like Jesus

## JOHN 13.1-20

### GROWTH GROUPS NOTES FOR W/C 10 OCTOBER 2021

**LOVE is not an emotion, or a feeling, or a preference. Love is a choice, a decision and an action. Jesus shows us how he loves 'to the very end'.**

**Start your time together thinking about God's glory.** When you think about glory, what images are in your mind? Think about how in history 'glory' has been portrayed in religious art. The point is this: John's gospel shows us that glory, love and sacrifice are all tied up together.

**Read John 13.1-20** Try to tell the story in your own words. Why does Jesus wash the disciples' feet?

Look at **verse 3 and 4**. Look at the little word 'so'. What is the relationship between Jesus' authority and Jesus' act of love?

How is this different from the kind of authority we see in the world today?

If Jesus has 'given you an example to follow' John 13:15, why don't we? **We follow Jesus' example in baptism and communion; why not foot washing?**

Use the Fleming quote below in the box to think about how glory, love, service and sacrifice are all connected. What **practical implications does this have for how we serve as Christians**, and how different might this be to how others serve?

Listen, as you finish, to the song  
*We seek your kingdom*  
<https://tinyurl.com/healsociety>

Whoever  
wishes to join me in this  
mission must be willing to  
labour with me,  
and so by following me in  
struggle and suffering may  
enter with me into glory  
*David Fleming*

