



# Friendship with God

## SERMON GUIDE

### KNEELING LOVE

John 13:1-17

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

**S**cripture that stands out to you while you read

**O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

**A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

**P**ray that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

## Conversation Questions

**Setting The Table:** As Jesus prepares to go to the cross, John tells us that Jesus “loved [his disciples] to the end.” In this context, Jesus takes the posture of a servant—washing the feet of his disciples. It’s shocking. The Master kneels before the students. The Lord takes the role of the lowest servant. This is what friendship with God looks like: a Savior who stoops, a Lord who serves, and a Friend who washes the dirt from your feet. As we read, reflect on what this teaches us about Christ’s love—and what kind of friends he calls us to be in return.

For Discussion: Before you begin, could you share briefly – What kinds of words would you use to describe your “friendship with God”? For example, would words like close, distant, steady, uncertain, joyful, strained, or growing come to mind?

## Read John 13:1-17

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** What does Jesus know (vv. 1–3)? How does Jesus’ awareness of his identity and destiny enable him to stoop down and serve the way that he does?
  - Can you imagine what it would be like to have that kind of awareness of who you are and what your destiny is? How would that impact your life right now?
- O** Why do you think Peter is so resistant to having his feet washed (vv. 6–9), and how does Jesus respond to his objection? Is it hard for you to receive grace or to allow Jesus to serve you? Why or why not?
- O** How does Jesus want what he’s done to impact the way his disciples treat other people?
  - Is there a relationship in your life right now, where you’re struggling to consistently have this attitude? How will the gospel strengthen you to respond to Jesus in obedience this week?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** We’ve already discussed several application questions during our reflections above. Which feels most pressing or important to you this week? How can we pray for you this week?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.