

EAGLE EYE: JESUS BY JOHN

Love, Actually | Discussion Notes

This week, Dave took us through John 13:1-17 line-by-line. As well as a wider discussion on what love and service looks like today, this is a great chance to dig into a passage with a Bible study. It can really help if people have a Bible with them, so you might want to tell your Hub to bring a Bible or their phone in advance.

Read John 13:1-17 through. You might want to read it through in a standard version and then come back and reread it in the Message too.

- What can verse 3 and 4 teach us about service? Why is it significant that “Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God” when it comes to how he serves others?
- What do we learn about Jesus from the act of washing his disciples feet in verse 5?
- What stands out to you about the interaction between Jesus and Peter in verses 6-9?
- What do you take away from verses 12-15? What does it teach us about what it means to serve others? What does service look like in your life, especially at the moment?

Read John 13:31-35 together.

- John links service in washing his disciples feet with ‘a new command’ to love one another. What is the link between love and service? Can you love someone without serving them?
- Dave said that we need to learn how to ‘grow in love’. What does that mean to you? And how can we do that?
- Dave said ‘love is the habit of putting other first before myself’. What does this look like? What can we practically start doing to develop in this habit?
- Finally, Dave said that one of the barriers to us loving others is that we haven’t learnt to love ourselves. We perhaps don’t understand how much we are loved by God. Is this true for you? Why is this a challenge to how we love other people? How do we learn to know that we are loved?