

Unconventional & Unstoppable (John 13:1-17)

Has someone's kindness ever left you speechless? Their actions were too good to be true, or were so unconventional you couldn't have seen them coming. In John 13, Jesus loves his disciples in a way that no one could have expected, and then he tells them to love just like he did. This is a love that shocks and inspires, and has the power to change us and the world around us.

1. Unstoppable Love

- Jesus' death is imminent. At a time when the disciples should be tending to Jesus' needs, they are thinking of themselves. But Jesus is thinking of them.
- Jesus does what He does because He understands who He is and why He has come.

2. Unconventional Love

- Though the disciples are frozen with disbelief, Jesus knows exactly what He is doing.
- The foot washing is symbolic of Jesus' entire mission - from His becoming human (incarnation) to His death on the cross.
- *Philippians 2:3-8*
- *John 12:26*

QUESTIONS (Pray, read the passage and pick 4-5 questions to discuss. Trust the Holy Spirit to guide.)

1. Read v. 1-5. How does Jesus' understanding of who He is and why He has come free Him to serve in such a humble way? What can we learn from this?
2. Why do you think Peter & Judas are the 2 disciples highlighted in John 13? What does that teach us about Jesus' unstoppable love?
3. Can you identify with the disciples? Are you ever so wrapped up in your own world you neglect to serve Jesus? What can snap us out of this?
4. How does John 13 show us that Jesus is different than any other leader who has ever lived? How is the way of Jesus an upside-down way of living?
5. Are there any things in your life right now that God is calling you to do that you need humility for?
6. Is it possible to have false humility?
7. What are some ways that followers of Jesus can show unconventional love in our cultural climate?