



# All Christians' Fellowship International

## INTERACTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

**TOPIC:** The Son as a Slave

**TEXT:** John 13:1-17

**Instructions** - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

**Introduction:** There were two things on Jesus' heart the night before his crucifixion- his Father and his disciples. In John 13-17, we have the privilege of listening to his conversations with them both. However, before Jesus can instruct his disciples about his death, he must act out a lesson in servitude. Jesus also shows us the spirit he expects in those who follow him. Greatness in Christ's eyes does not come from having many servants but from being the servant of many.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever been asked to do a demeaning, lowly job? What thoughts went through your mind at that time?
2. Read John 13:1-17. According to John, what did Jesus know about himself (v. 1-3)?
3. In light of that knowledge, what is remarkable about what Jesus did next (v. 4-5)?
4. Foot washing was normally done by servants or slaves. Why do you think Jesus washed his disciples' feet instead of simply talking to them about love?
5. What tasks at home, at work or in church would be equivalent to foot washing?
6. How do you think Jesus felt as he washed Judas's feet? How do you think Judas felt?
7. Was Peter simply being humble when he refused to allow Jesus to serve him (v. 6-8)? Explain
8. What spiritual truth was Jesus trying to communicate to Peter (and to us in vs. 8-11)?
9. Like Peter, do you ever feel awkward or uncomfortable when others try to serve you. Explain.
10. After he had finished washing the disciples' feet, how did Jesus explain the significance of his actions (v. 12-17)?
11. Based on Jesus' words in verse 17, how would you describe the relationship between knowledge, action, and joy in the Christian life?

12. What has this chapter revealed to you about your attitude toward serving?

13. In what specific ways can you model the humility of Jesus toward those with whom you live or work?