

**Preparation Questions**  
**John 13: 1-30**  
**Get washed and get washing**

**Opener:** In chapters 11 & 12 John has drawn our attention to the Jesus' work of bringing life through his death. Now the spotlight homes in on the implications for the individual disciple. What things might cause us to forget our personal need for Jesus' death?

**Text 1:** According to v1-3, what event is at the forefront of Jesus' mind? How do these verses both help us feel the shock of Jesus' foot-washing and help us understand what it symbolises (see v7)?

**OT Sharpener:** How do passages in the OT like Psalm 51v7 and Ezekiel 36v25 help us understand what washing means?

**Text2:** What is it about Jesus' actions that cause Peter to question them so strongly in v6-8? How and why can we be tempted to join with Peter in saying v8 to Jesus? Sum up what we should learn from Jesus' footwashing so far?

**Text3:** How does Jesus extend the use of the footwashing picture in v10? What is the point he is making to Peter? How might understanding this truth help Peter in the future?

**Text 4:** Jesus extends the foot-washing picture again. What do v12-20 teach us about the privilege, behaviour, attitude and motivations of a genuine disciple of Jesus?

**Text 5:** How and why does this passage and particularly v18-30 help us have confidence that Jesus is in control of his death?

**Sum up and apply:** What did/would it take to persuade you that you require the washing work of the Cross? If we're someone who has turned to follow Jesus and therefore been washed by him, how can we serve other Christians at home, at work, church, etc? What attitudes will this kind of service involve if it is going to be 'cross-shaped'?