**Easter Exclamations – Not My Feet**

**Discussion Guide**

**April 8-9, 2017**

**Ice Breaker:**

What is the dirtiest you ever remember being?

How would you feel if the church announced a foot-washing service?

Would it bother you more to have your feet washed or to wash someone else’s?

What would you do differently if you knew you were going to a service like that?

**Digging in…**

Read John 13 in it’s entirety.

Imagine John reliving this as he wrote this gospel (remember his feet were washed too).

What would John’s emotions probably have been…

* as Jesus got up, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around him, and filled that basin
* how would you have felt as he moved around the table – washing each disciple’s feet – getting closer and closer to you
* Why would you be grateful for Peter that night?

Create a list of reasons why Peter did not want Jesus washing his feet.

Why did he flip to wanting Jesus to wash every part of him?

What does that tell you about Peter?

If you were the disciple just before Peter’s turn, do you think you would have vocalized your objection and discomfort? Or do you think you would have just kept quiet and allow Jesus to do whatever he wanted? Why?

Why was it CRITICAL that Jesus let the disciples know that he was going to be betrayed and give retro clues (Clues only understood in hindsight) that Jesus knew it was Judas?

Why do you think Jesus emphasized Love One Another even calling it a new commandment? What is the power associated with love and reaching other people with good news of Jesus?

Why is it so?

What kind of a night was this for Peter? One he would always remember fondly or one he would see in his bad dreams?

Doug said that there were really 3 commands (imperatives/to dos) given that night. What were they?

How does washing feet (serving others) and loving others relate to each other?

How does washing feet prevent “mere sentimentality”?

What would you need to rearrange in your life to become a more servant-like person?

What could this group do to “wash some feet”?

Why is washing feet hard? What does it require?

Is there someone who you know right now could use a good foot-washing?

Who and how?

Is there someone in your group who needs a good foot-washing?

**Plan together and Pray together!**