

JOHN 13:1-17

1. **OPEN** in prayer

2. **WELCOME** and **INTRODUCTIONS**

3. **REVIEW** the dgroup Guidelines

4. **ASSIGN A STORYTELLER:** Prearrange to have someone in the group tell the story. Give them these guidelines:

- Have the Bible open on your lap without reading it or looking at it. Say, “this is the story from God’s Word.” This demonstrates reverence and authority for Scripture and makes it clear to others that this is not a made-up story, but rather is a story from God’s Word.
- Tell the story as accurately as possible without memorizing it or using notes.
- Avoid giving any personal comments or teaching about the story, the setting, or the meaning.

5. **STORYTELLER TELLS THE STORY:** Encourage the group to listen for anything that may stand out to them.

6. **REBUILD THE STORY:** Go around the room and have your group retell/rebuild the story. If your group knows they will be expected to rebuild the story, they will listen more closely and be more invested. Ask them what happened first to get started, then go through the group having everyone add details. This isn’t the time for the group to share their own commentary or opinion about the story. That comes later.

6. **READ THE STORY:** Have someone read the passage aloud from their Bible to ensure accuracy and reinforce key details.

7. **DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS:**

- a. What do we learn about God from this passage?
- b. What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage?
- c. In this season of your life, which character do you relate to most, and why?
- d. In light of what you’ve learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?

8. OTHER QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO THIS PASSAGE:

- a. Jesus stripped himself of his outer garments to serve. What is one 'garment' you cling to (pride, a reputation, your comfort) that prevents you from serving others humbly? What would it feel like to lay that down?
- b. In what circumstances do you struggle to believe that God or the people in your life really care for you? Who has shown you unconditional love that reminds you of Jesus's?

9. ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORYTELLER: 2 Samuel 6

10. CLOSE IN PRAYER