



## Small Group Questions ::: Leading with A Towel ::: John 13

Leadership is a buzz word in our culture. Thousands of books are written about it every year. Companies are always looking to promote “high capacity leaders.” Jesus shows us what real leadership looks like in John 13 as he has a meal with his disciples. He has all the power but chooses to use his power to serve and to sacrifice rather than be served. Peter seems to be the most taken aback by this, and as a result doesn’t know how to respond to this counter-cultural move of Jesus.

1. When you have someone over for dinner, what do you do to prepare for your guests? What special things do you do during the meal to make your guests feel welcome and comfortable in your home?
2. **Read John 13:1-17.** What meal is Jesus about to eat with his disciples? What is the significance of the Passover meal? (Read Exodus 12 if you need to.) How might Jesus’ action of washing feet relate with Passover? How does it relate to the cross?
3. Joey shared that leadership is about service and sacrifice. How did Jesus live this out? **Read Matthew 20:28.** Joey talked about several people (Eric Liddell, Mother Teresa and Aaron Feuerstien) who were leaders that sacrificially gave in extraordinary ways. Can you think of any other leaders that you have met/ heard of who go to extraordinary lengths to serve and love others?
4. Giving rather than taking is a virtuous way of life. However, before we can give, we need to be willing to receive. Why do you think Peter had such a hard time letting Jesus wash his feet? Where might we have a hard time allowing Jesus to “wash us?”
5. Theresa of Avila said, “When one has reached the highest point of spiritual maturity, there is only one question left, how can I be helpful.” While we might not be at the “highest point of spiritual maturity,” the question is a good one. Where might God be calling you to be helpful?
6. Close your time in prayer. Talk about who you will invite to Coastline for Easter.