



John 13:1-20

The Big Picture

- The first element a priest would have encountered when entering the Tabernacle was the Bronze Basin. It was used to ceremonially cleanse the priest before he carried out his duties.
- Just before commissioning His disciples to carry on His work, Jesus washed their feet, which accomplished (at least) two simultaneous things: it demonstrated His servanthood and it signified that He was the only one who could truly cleanse them.
- Jesus remains the only one who can cleanse you, and He has commissioned you to live as His witness in your context.

Discussion Questions

1. **Who is someone in your life that you would characterize as selfless?**
What do they do that makes you say that? How does it make you feel to be around them?
2. **How does it make you feel when someone goes out of their way to do something selfless for you—without asking for anything in return?**
Do you identify with Peter's response in verse 8?
Why or why not?
3. Jesus asked His disciples a question in verse 12.
How would you respond to Him if He asked you that?
How does it make you feel that He did what He did for you?
In light of what He's done for us, what should our response be?
4. **What commission have we received as people who have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus?**
How do you think being cleansed and commissioned by Jesus should affect how we live among our families? Our friends? Our communities?

Response

- Since we have been cleansed and commissioned by Jesus, who is one person who needs to hear about what He's done in you?

