

## Leader Guide Session 6

## WATCH

Play the video for session six. As you watch, use the following notes to record any thoughts, questions, or key points that stand out to you.

## **NOTES**

Love is the final quality on Peter's list because it is the most important trait that we can possess. Love completes and gives meaning to all the rest.

The humble act of service that Jesus performs in John 13 by washing His disciples' feet reveals five insights on how we can lovingly serve others today. First, love helps us navigate our life-long journey. When the time came for Jesus to die, He gathered with His disciples in an upper room one last time to celebrate Passover. His love for them endured to the end.

Second, love motivates us to serve others. If Jesus was willing to humble Himself and wash the feet of His disciples-including Judas-then we can love others with the same humility.

Third, love imitates the Lord Jesus. After washing the disciples' feet, Jesus commanded His disciples to follow His example of sacrificial love. His command still applies to us today.

Fourth, love elevates the experience of life. We cannot share the love of Jesus without being blessed in the process. Every time the current of Jesus' love flows through us, we experience the joy, satisfaction, and blessings that come from being a conduit of godly love.

Finally, love authenticates our discipleship. We are called to love others in the same way Jesus loved us (see 1 John 3:16). When we give everything that we can to love others, the world notices.

Peter ends his message to us by providing a list of seven blessings that flow into our life when we put these teachings into practice:

- Godly maturity
- Growing productivity
- Greater clarity



- Grateful memory
- Genuine stability
- Guaranteed security
- Glorious eternity

Jesus gave everything He had so we could have everything we need to lead the life God wants us to live. No matter what obstacles lie ahead, the qualities we need to navigate every difficulty, distraction, and delay are available to us in abundance.

## **DISCUSS**

Take a few minutes with your group members to discuss what you just watched and explore these concepts in Scripture. Use the following questions to help guide your discussion.

- 1. Why is love so important in exercising the other attributes Peter has listed?
- 2. How did Jesus' love for His disciples enhance the three years He spent with them? How was this symbolized by Jesus' act of washing their feet?
- 3. How does Jesus' example of sacrificial love both in washing His disciples' feet and dying on the cross for your sins motivate you to serve others?
- 4. With Jesus as your role model, what are some ways you are sacrificially loving and servings others right now?
- 5. How has serving humbly and sacrificially like Christ enhanced your life experiences? What has it cost you to serve this way?
- 6. Which of Peter's seven blessings (listed in 2 Peter 1:8-11) resonates with you the most? Why does this particular blessing resonate with you?