

**KNOWING REAL LOVE****Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet****John 12:37—13:30**

*"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."* John 13:15

1. There is an old saying: "The same sun that melts butter, hardens brick." How does this apply to belief in John 12:37–41? What is the danger of choosing not to believe? (Hint: note the use of the words "would" and "could" in verses 37 and 39.)
2. Read John 13:1–3. What does Jesus know? How do you think Jesus feels?
3. Read John 13:4–17 with Luke 22:24–27. What subject of conversation among the disciples serves as the backdrop for the Lord's example of servanthood in John 13?
4. Why do you think Peter had a problem with Jesus washing his feet? When is it hard for you to allow others to serve you?
5. Read Philippians 2:6–8. Remembering that the lowest of all positions in society in Jesus' day was the person who washed feet, how is the foot-washing a visual aid of Jesus' mission on earth?
6. In verse 17 what is the condition for experiencing blessing? In what specific way might you follow Jesus' example this week?
7. Read John 13:18–30 and Luke 22:21–23. List the ways Jesus reveals his love to Judas and gives him opportunity to repent and confess his sin.

8. In John 13:18 Jesus quotes Psalm 41:9. What phrase from Psalm 41:9 is missing in the John passage? How do you think Jesus feels about Judas? When you sin, how do you think Jesus feels about you?
  
9. What word in 13:30 describes both the time of day and the condition of Judas's heart? Thinking about the latter, what connection do you see between John 13:30 and 12:46?
  
10. Share a time when the Lord used the circumstances in your life to bring you to repentance.