# The Focussed Jesus: Jesus’ ministry in the last week of His mortal life: John 12:1-19:42

# John

## 1:1-18 Tells us what John believed about Jesus

### The rest gives us the evidence of why John believed it

## 12:1-19:42 covers the last few days of Jesus’ natural life

### These chapters contain Jesus’ most pressing actions and teachings

# Jesus is NOT focussed on Himself

### At the Passover meal?

## Love characterises chapters 13-17

### Jesus wants to show the full extent of His love for the Father in total obedience, for them in total sacrifice

#### But He refuses to be a martyr

# The blindingly obvious lessons

## Jesus sometimes does things without telling us

## Jesus sometimes does things without explaining why

## Jesus calls for our trust, faith and co-operation

## Christians are called to imitate the attitude as well as the behaviour of Jesus

# The less obvious observations

## Not understanding does not exclude our inclusion

## Jumping to the wrong conclusions is not a crime against the faith

## You will understand in the end

### It will not just be at the superficial level

# The washing of the disciples’ feet

## This event is one of His priorities in the last couple of days of Jesus’ life

### It’s an example of serving (17) and a lesson about ongoing grace and forgiveness

#### And with that He conquers each heart with His love

# Homegroup/Private study Questions

# Washing people’s feet

## Try it!

### Wash a peer’s feet

#### How does it make you feel?

### Let someone wash your feet

#### How does that make you feel?

### Discuss how it feels from each side

#### Which are you more comfortable with?

### If you don’t choose to do this section discuss your reasons

#### Why do you think people opt out?

### How many people saw this and changed their socks/washed their feet, before they came?

#### Why did they do that?

## Which is easier for you: Serving or being served?

### Honouring or being honoured?

### Loving or being loved?

#### Explain your answers

## Did Jesus wash Judas’ feet?

### What do you think and why?

### Who was responsible for whether it happened?

# The observations from this passage

## There are some easy lessons to teach children and young people from this passage

### What are they?

### Why is it more difficult to teach adults the same things?

## What observations have you made from this passage?

### In terms of servanthood, understanding of the cross and spiritual renewal?

### Jesus makes the statement that He has set an example.

#### What example was He setting?

#### Is it enough to copy an example?

##### Explain your answer

### Why should we NOT make this a ritual in the church?

## What attitude is engendered by the less obvious observations made above?

### How has ‘ongoing grace’ change your understanding of following Christ?