The Rehearsal Dinner

There are more words written about the final week of Jesus than any other. In two weeks, we celebrate the resurrection. But first we ready ourselves for the big event.

John 13:1-17

✳ **On the Surface** - face value

This is an unforgettable meal. The message is timeless.

- Jesus fully loved (v.1)
- Jesus knew who he was (v.3)
  . . . authority, identity and destiny
- Jesus could humbly serve (vv. 4-5)

In Luke 22:24, at the last supper, the disciples argued about who was the greatest.

- Jesus gives them an example (v.15)

Have the same attitude as Jesus . . . (Philippians 2:5-8)

✳ **Under the Surface** - real worth

Peter unknowingly points us to the deeper meaning.

- Jesus got up from the table (v.4)
- Jesus took off his outer robe (v.4)
- Jesus wrapped a towel around (v.4)
  "being made in human likeness" (Philippians 2:7)
- Jesus washed and wiped their feet (v.5)

It is one thing to have a dirty sole, but it is entirely a different matter to have a dirty soul.

"Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." (v.8)

Reflective Questions:

1) Growing up, how often did your family sit down and eat dinner together? What was your favorite main course?
2) Jesus' example is fairly straightforward, so why is it so difficult to follow? What might that look like in your life?
3) What might be a "deeper meaning" for you in this well-known story?

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