



Sermon Growth Guide

March 7, 2021

To Give His Life - Jesus Knew

John 13:1-14

Key Verse: John 13:1

“It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.”

Big Idea: We extend the light and life of Jesus by giving ourselves away in love.

Foundations

Who am I? Where did I come from? What am I here for? Where am I going?

Jesus not only knew the answers to life's big questions of identity, origin, purpose and destiny, He lived perfectly in direct response to those questions.

Jesus knew that He was the way, the truth, and the life. Jesus knew He came from the Father. Jesus knew His mission, to give His life away. Jesus knew He was returning home to the Father.

What about you?

Do you know the answer to your identity, origin, purpose and destiny? Do you know that you are a child of God saved by grace? Do you know that you were knit together in your mother's womb, known by God before the foundations of the world? Do you know that as a child of God you have an eternal purpose to declare the praises of your Father? And do you know that your only comfort in life and in death is that you belong to God and that no one and nothing can separate you from God's love for all eternity?

When you know who you are and to whom you belong, it changes the way you live each and every moment of your life.

Understanding God's Word

Clarify the context in which Jesus states John 13:14-15. Openly discuss this week's passage.

Applying God's Word

Walking in His identity as the Creator and Savior of all, Jesus “took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him,” (verses 4, 5). Jesus then commands His disciples, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another,” (verses 34, 35). Spend time helping one another apply the love of Christ in each person's context, knowing that we extend the light and life of Jesus by giving ourselves away in love.

Witnessing God's Word

Identify one person that you desire to sacrificially “give yourself away in love” that they might know and believe in Jesus. Pray for this person with your circle and identify one key way in which you will step toward them this week.