

## The Full Extent of His Love

### Let's Pretend

You are the most important person in the world (just pretending!)

All authority and power has been given to you (just pretending!)

You have completed your life mission successfully

You came from God; You're going back to him

It's your last day, your last dinner, one in your honor

- Who would you ask?
- What would you wear?

### I. Who Would He Ask?

Some of my choices: loyal friends, ones I wouldn't have to watch my back around ... people I am at ease with. But Jesus picked...

**Peter** *"this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."* MAT 26:34

**Disciples** *Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me..."* MAT 26:31

**Judas** *JOH 13:11 For he knew who was going to betray him,*

**Why?** *"to show them the full extent of his love."*

Those he loves at the start he will love to the end, his love is not weakened by our weaknesses and sins, by our faithlessness or our fears.

He's invited you to his table, too. Because he wants to show you the full extent of his love.

### II. What Would He Wear?

Some of my choices - comfortable clothes, be at ease... But Jesus ...

JOH 13:4 *so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. (put towel on pulpit)*

He put on the clothes of the **household servant and slave**, the clothes of people whose lives were lived for others!

Why? *"to show them the full extent of his love."*

The towel speaks ... of the love of our Lord Jesus, of the conviction that  
no need is too small,  
no person too insignificant,  
no burden need be borne alone

We are a people of the towel

*whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44  
and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.*

## **Video: Serving Together**

### **Maundy Thursday**

*JOH 13:13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.*

### **Footwashing**

Maundy Thursday service has footwashing this year

a sign that the full extent of his love is something we want among us,  
that his towel will be known here ...

voluntary participation

women on the right, men on the left  
come forward without socks or stockings on  
come in twos,

wash one another's feet by sprinkling water over them and drying them  
exchange the peace with each other  
go back to your seats