

**Series:** The Upper Room

**Sermon:** It's Hard to be Humble

**Main Scripture:** John 13:1-17; 34-35 (NASB)

**Supporting Scripture:** Luke 22:23-27; John 5:19

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**Message Takeaway:** Humility is more than an attitude. It's an action.

**Supporting Thoughts:**

- Jesus' "hour" was His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. It was all one package.
- Great power requires great humility if you want to lead like Jesus.
- Jesus was always rebuking pride and commending humility.
- It's not about the water. It's about Living Water. It's not about the word. It's about the Word of Life, Jesus.
- *Only absolute humility can generate absolute love.* (John MacArthur)
- When we become big in our own eyes, we'll never know what true greatness is.
- No one can enter the presence of the Lord without the "cleansing" from Jesus.
- The humility Jesus shows us is expressed equally to everyone.
- True greatness requires the application of "washbasin theology" to our lives.
- Happiness in our lives is tied to obedience. A key part of obedience is humility.

**Challenge:** How will you humble yourself and serve someone daily? Someone who can do nothing for you?

**Discussion Questions:**

- Kip said that humility is more than an attitude; it's an action. Have you struggled with humility in your life? How has serving helped you with that?
- Why do you think Jesus went to such extreme measures (washing His disciples' feet) to make His point about humility?
- Jesus was 24 hours from an ugly, painful death, yet His concern was for others instead of Himself. When you're going through a difficult time, how can being concerned for others be a challenge? How can serving others help?
- Kip stated that great power requires great humility. Discuss someone you know who's a humble leader. How does he or she show humility? What's the ripple effect in their leadership?
- Why does loving well require a humble heart?
- Jesus expressed humility towards everyone. Have you struggled with that? Talk about that with your group.
- How will you apply a "washbasin theology" (serving others) to your life?

**Sources:** John MacArthur, *The Upper Room*; Eli Lizorkin-Eyzenberg, *The Jewish Gospel of John*; Charles Swindoll, *Swindoll's Living Insights – New Testament Commentary, Book of John*; Warren Wiersbe, *New Testament Commentary*.