

STUDY GUIDE:
TO LIVE AND BELIEVE—
“The Most Important Dinner Party” (John 13:1-30)

1. In preparation for this study, read John chapter 12 (read either in two translations or a different translation than you read last week).
2. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NIV, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NIV. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms and why that meaning is significant.

--“own” (13:1)—

--“servant” (13:16)—

--“blessed” (13:17)—

3. Where does this passage fit into the chronology of Jesus’ ministry?
4. What was the Passover Feast, and why did Jesus decide this was the time for his death (to answer the first part of the question, use a concordance and list the passage[s])?
5. List as many ways as you can how the first Passover pointed to Jesus.
5. What was “foot washing”, and why did the disciples not want to do this?

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6. Why did Peter want Jesus to wash the rest of him?

7. What do you think your response would have been?

8. Some people practice footwashing in ceremonies today. What are the pros/cons of doing this?

9. Who did Jesus identify himself as, and what is the significance of this?

10. In what areas of your life do you find Jesus’ Lordship to be easiest to accept? Hardest?

11. Judas’ betrayal of Jesus culminated in handing him over to the authorities for execution, but it began with greed and theft. What threatens your loyalty to Jesus? What is your best response?