

1. Footwashing point: Last teaching in a 'teaching-setting,' before communion
 - Jesus knew the hour had come, loved them & us, so gave final words
 - Judas was present: a betrayer though Jesus had power
 - Luke 22:24 Apostles were still arguing over who was the greatest
 - A. Jesus did the deed
 - B. taught it
 - C. dealt with Peter's objections with explanation of its meaning
 - D. commanded us to do it
 - E. on that Last Supper Night: all stops pulled out on 'How then shall we live?'
2. Peter's diversion & Jesus' response: footwashing has a wider meaning
 - Understanding would come later, after crucifixion, resurrection, Acts 2
 - "If I do not wash you..." died to free us from our sin" is necessary to have a part with Jesus (wash my Ferrari as well as my pick-up tires) -- should we go out with a bowl and towel and start washing everyone's feet? Make a ceremony to accomplish and fulfill the command? Metaphor
 - ➔ Heb 9:13-14 Jesus' perfect sacrifice prepares us to serve God
 - ➔ Jn 13:8 & 14 Jesus must wash us, then we must serve others
3. Jesus is Lord and Teacher, assumes that we serve Our Lord: John 13:13
 - What is a Lord? 'doulos' Does what is commanded by the King
 - ➔ Eph 4:2 "If I, then, did this..." Humble in such footsteps! (v.14)
 - ➔ Given democracy not a kingdom, we don't often have the sense of doulos "devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests" -- NT Lexicon
 - ➔ King Odysseos & Melanthios the goatherd: king is gone and some servants find their own, disloyal, way; king returns in disguise, despised vs loyal servants in heart, word and deed 24/7
 - ➔ John 15:17 "friends" and "heirs" as well as douloi
 - What is a Teacher? Teaching what disciples become in the school of...
 - ➔ Mt 10:24-5 "become like the Teacher" (Jn 13:15-16) (Justin Martyr's search because he knew he must conform)
 - Together, they describe what you are and what you will be (becoming)

4. Servants to others too, not only Our Lord (Two Great commandments)

- A teacher emphasizes the important points in many ways: Jesus could have gone through crucifixion and let that example stand as a teaching of service. But we might have missed it or have garbled it. This is very important, to have this teaching in addition to all the rest, and have it at this night, and have it taught so many ways, so fully.
- knowing, then do and be blessed! (v.17) “But, who is my neighbor?”
 - ➔ Rom 14:12-13 Not to judge others but to do what God commands us
 - ➔ 1 Pet 4:10 each to serve according to the gifts given us: ‘open-by’ date?
 - ➔ 1 John 5:1-4 serving is not burdensome; Matt 11:28-30 Light yoke

5. So, really, why should you or I, any Christian, serve others?

- Greatest commandments, love God so obey Him;
- Love others, so serve them
- Because Jesus commanded it, exemplified it, taught it on that night
- Therefore, it is our Duty as loyal members of the Kingdom: John 15:8 & 16 -- fruit & disciple
- Not an autumn leaf fluttering to the ground to decay, die and disappear but a spiritual being stuck in an alien land -- but we do have a map to get Home, and we do have some things to do here while behind enemy lines -- John 15:19 “not of the world”
- “Made for Heaven” “God-shaped void” (2 Cor 5:2) -- it will be Good to hear God say, “Well done, good and faithful servant...” (Matt 25:23 talents) it is what we are made for, we will fulfill our destiny, we will be glorified before the Father and all creation, even as we give God in this act, ultimate glory because God designed it and made it happen.
- Homework For Later: John 13; 1 Pet 5; 2 Cor 4; Rom 8