



# newlife link

## UNCOMFORTABLE

*Jesus - Undignified*

## Discussion Points

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### Read & Reflect:

1. Read John 13:1-17. If you place yourself in the story (as if you were one of the disciples, or maybe as someone serving the food) what kinds of reactions or emotions do you have?
2. Notice how carefully the account of Jesus' act of washing feet (a menial servant's task) is placed in the context of Jesus laying down his life for us (see especially vss. 2-3). What do you make of this contrast? Refer to Matthew 25:34-40 for some of Jesus' own insight.

### Explore:

3. Are there instances when you make too much of your act(s) of service (you think they are great deed or great sacrifices)?
4. Think about some of the very smallest acts of service you do. Can you identify them as something you have done as unto Jesus? What's that like?
5. Perhaps the disciples just didn't think to wash feet; maybe they were oblivious to the opportunity to serve. Are there instances where you might be (or might have been) oblivious to an opportunity to serve?
6. How can we make ourselves attentive to serving and living with a servant heart? What kind of attitudes or disciplines is necessary for you to foster a servant life-style?

### Pray:

- Make Philippians 2:1-5a a prayer of petition.
- Make Philippians 2:5b-11 a prayer of praise and thanksgiving.
- Pray that God would open your eyes, ears, and heart to discern the instances where you could serve in a manner similar to that described in Matthew 25:34-40.