

Love Walk Act

2. Walk Humbly

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read John 13.1-17

³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel round his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped round him.

- Humility is often seen as a sign of weakness, or a lack of confidence. What does Jesus teach us about the true nature of humility and the impact that it has?
- Does it surprise you that Amos included 'walking humbly' with his call for justice and mercy as the things that God requires of us (Micah 6.8)? If so, why?
- Those that are passionate about social justice can sometimes come across as pushy or morally superior. Why is a humble, servant-hearted approach more effective in the long run?
- People tend to seek justice by aggressive revolution or forced legislation. What might it look like if we sought justice by serving and laying down our rights?
- v3. What is the link between having a secure identity and humility? Why is pride, and a desire for status, always a sign of insecurity? How secure are you in your identity in God? What stops you from walking humbly?
- v17. 'you will be blessed'. Clare said that Humility frees us to serve. Isn't this a contradiction? What's so freeing about serving others? And how can that lead to us being blessed and happy?

Big Idea: 'Humble people are free to love and serve the world, and can be trusted with great power and influence.'

Pray for the group and for everyone that's part of it. Pray for humility for individuals and for humility for us as a community. Pray that as we seek to change the world we would do it like Jesus did – through loving, humble service.

Pray for all the things that make us insecure to be diminished and for a fresh sense of who we are in Christ. Pray for a revelation of our true identity that can lead to happiness and humility.