

Sermon #2
“Authentic Spirituality”
John 13:1-11

Felt Need:

People feel that other people should be real, honest, and up-front with them.

But Their Real Need/Their God Given Need Is:

People need to be real, honest, and up-front with God and with themselves.

Basic Truth:

“Knowing He had come forth from God and was going back to God, Jesus rose from supper...and began to wash the disciples’ feet.”

John 13:3-4

*“**Humility** is the only true barometer of spiritual authenticity, because it is the direct consequence of a true proximity with God.*

Jesus means much more than physical foot washing.

A literal washing of the feet is not necessary before a person can be a Christian. **The words point us to a washing free from sin**, which only Christ can give, by virtue of the Cross.

- What about you?
- Would you let the Savior wash your feet?
- Have you humbled yourself under the mighty hand of God and repented of your sins and asked Jesus to come in and save you?

Without the washing you have no part of Jesus.

Study Guide
(03/01/10 - 03/05/10)

This study guide is designed to allow you to dig deeper into the Christian life. Use this study guide each night at the family dinner table or use this guide during your personal “Daily Reflections” each day this week, as you seek to live as a Spirit-Filled Christian.

Monday - Psalm 9:1-2

- How is your thanksgiving to the Lord described? (v. 1)
- What is the result, effect, or by-product of being glad in the Lord? (v. 2)

Tuesday - Psalm 9:7-8

- Why is humility appropriate towards God? (v.7)
- What is the standard for God’s judgment? (v.8)

Wednesday - Psalm 9:9-10

- How is God described for the humble/oppressed in times of trouble? (v.9)
- What is required of you and me? (v.10)

Thursday - Psalm 9:17-18

- Why is it not good to be wicked and forget God? (v.17)
- If you are needy and afflicted, what do you have to look forward to? (v.18)

Friday - Psalm 9:19-20

- Who is going to prevail? (v.19)
- What attitude toward God is appropriate and why? (v.20)