**Series:** The Upper Room

**Sermon:** It’s Hard to be Humble

**Main Scripture**: John 13:1-17; 34-35 (NASB)

**Supporting Scripture**: Luke 22:23-27; John 5:19

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**Message Takeaway:** Humility is more than an attitude. It’s an action.

**Supporting Thoughts:**

* Jesus’ “hour” was His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. It was all one package.
* Great power requires great humility if you want to lead like Jesus.
* Jesus was always rebuking pride and commending humility.
* It’s not about the water. It’s about Living Water. It’s not about the word. It’s about the Word of Life, Jesus.
* *Only absolute humility can generate absolute love.*(John MacArthur)
* When we become big in our own eyes, we’ll never know what true greatness is.
* No one can enter the presence of the Lord without the “cleansing” from Jesus.
* The humility Jesus shows us is expressed equally to everyone.
* True greatness requires the application of “washbasin theology” to our lives.
* Happiness in our lives is tied to obedience. A key part of obedience is humility.

**Challenge:** How will you humble yourself and serve someone daily? Someone who can do nothing for you?

**Discussion Questions:**

* Kip said that humility is more than an attitude; it’s an action. Have you struggled with humility in your life? How has serving helped you with that?
* Why do you think Jesus went to such extreme measures (washing His disciples’ feet) to make His point about humility?
* Jesus was 24 hours from an ugly, painful death, yet His concern was for others instead of Himself. When you’re going through a difficult time, how can being concerned for others be a challenge? How can serving others help?
* Kip stated that great power requires great humility. Discuss someone you know who’s a humble leader. How does he or she show humility? What’s the ripple effect in their leadership?
* Why does loving well require a humble heart?
* Jesus expressed humility towards everyone. Have you struggled with that? Talk about that with your group.
* How will you apply a “washbasin theology” (serving others) to your life?

**Sources:** John MacArthur, *The Upper Room*; Eli Lizorkin-Eyzenberg, *The Jewish Gospel of John*; Charles Swindoll, *Swindoll’s Living Insights – New Testament Commentary, Book of John;* Warren Wiersbe, *New Testament Commentary*.