**Sermon Notes Sunday 11th July**

**A Vision for the Church – Serving one another**

**Read John 13:1-17**

1. When you have someone over for dinner, what do you do to prepare for your guests? What special things do you do during the meal to make your guests feel welcome and comfortable in your home?
2. When someone chooses to serve you in some way, or offers to bless you, what does that say to you about their love for you?
3. What does John tell us about the love that Jesus had for his disciples?
4. What does it mean to love someone to the end or ‘show them the full extent of your love’? Has someone shown you this kind of love in your life? Have you ever shown someone else this kind of love?
5. Who usually washed feet in the first century? Why didn’t any of the disciples think to offer to wash feet? (Luke 22:24 suggests what they might have been doing). What does this tell you about the nature and attitude of Jesus? (Also see Phil 2:3-8)
6. Why did Peter react the way he did?
7. What did Jesus mean by, ‘Unless I wash you, you have no part with me’? (v8)
8. If the command Jesus is leaving us with (v14) is more than simply washing feet, what is the bigger lesson we need to take on board?
9. What needs to change in your life in order for you to serve and love people the way that Jesus did?
10. As we look to grow the life and ministry of the church, where have you been serving in the past and where might you offer to serve one another in the future in our shared life together?

**Challenge**

In this event of the life of Jesus, in the final 24 hours of his life, we see that the one to whom all authority is given and ‘through whom all things are made’, humbled himself to serve his friends, his enemy and even one who thought Jesus was too good to serve him. This is a powerful reminder that we are called to do the same with our lives. Instead of looking to be served, look for opportunities this week to live and serve the people around you,