

Small Group Questions for the Week of 5/17/26

Opening

1. Our church had an exciting Sunday with testimonies, baptisms, and even a wedding! What were some highlights for you from this Sunday?
2. Share a story about a time someone did something specifically “for you.” What was it? What was the experience like? Are you comfortable receiving those kinds of gifts or acts of service? Why or why not?

Read John 13:1–11

3. What stands out to you in this story?
4. Have you ever participated in a Maundy Thursday foot washing? What was that experience like? For those who have participated, was it harder to wash someone else’s feet or to have your own feet washed?
5. Why did Peter so strongly reject the idea of Jesus washing his feet? What was Jesus’ response, and why was it significant?
6. This week we looked at how the Nicene Creed says it was “for us” that Jesus came down from heaven and even died. Is it difficult for you to hear that Jesus did this for you personally? Are you comfortable receiving this free gift, or do you tend to want to “earn” it? Can salvation be earned? Why do we still try?
7. Are you comfortable with this gift being available to all people? Are there certain kinds of people for whom it is difficult to celebrate that Jesus came “for them”?

Read John 1:1–14

8. What stands out to you about Jesus in verses 1–6?
9. What is the significance of verse 14? What did Jesus give up by coming to earth? What did He gain?

Read This Week’s Portion of the Nicene Creed

*For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.*

10. What does it mean to believe these words? Why are they significant? What does it mean to live in light of these words?
11. Which phrase from this week’s Creed or Scripture reading do you most need to carry with you this week, and why?
12. What would change in your daily life if you deeply believed that you are fully loved, fully known, and fully pursued by Jesus?