

Accomplishment, Ambition, and Stinky Feet

Graduation Sunday 2026

John 13:1-17

A prayer for our graduates:

That your greatest accomplishment is to be cleansed by Jesus and that your greatest ambition would be to serve like Jesus.

Outline:

1. An Unexpected Act – Washing Stinky Feet

2. A Salvation Lesson – Jesus' Cleansing

3. A Servant Lesson – Jesus' Example

Discussion Questions:

1. What's your least favorite household chore? Between that and washing stinky feet, which would you rather do less?
2. John 13 is a classic moment of Jesus initiating something surprising and unexpected. How do you think you would react if you were one of the disciples?
3. What is the "cleansing" Jesus mentions to the disciples? And how can we be "cleansed" by Jesus?
4. Why would Jesus' disciples (and us) need to be reminded of our salvation?
5. How can our church communicate the importance of the gospel to the next generation of children, teenagers, and graduates?
6. What makes Jesus' example of foot washing so different from the world's way of thinking? What is one way you can follow Jesus' example this week?
7. For a recent high school graduate with great plans for the future, how could this passage help guide their ambitions?
8. For someone experiencing disappointment and dissatisfaction with how their life has turned out, how could this passage help comfort and direct them?