Pray together to enter the study
Read text aloud (2-3 verses per person)

FRAME *2 min to read aloud*

An eye-witness account of Jesus' life, written by John.

This was in the Middle East, which was very dusty. People wore sandals and feet became dirty fast. It was an expected part of hospitality to have one's feet washed when entering a house, often done by the household's servant.

OBSERVE

5 min to reflect alone, 5 min to all share

Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?

Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, and cause and effect.

Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.

INTERPRET

3 min to gather q's, 12 min to discuss

Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?

Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.

Answer your questions from the text and context.

SUMMARIZE & SPOTLIGHT

1 min to read the summary aloud

Jesus washes His disciples' feet, when normally that is a servant's job. When Peter protests, Jesus says that they should also go and serve others in the same way.

3 min to individually write a main point
2 min for all to share, end with leader

A SERVANT'S HEART: WILLING

John 13:3 – 17 (NIV)

3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

10 Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you."

11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

INVITATION

5 min for individual reflection, 5 min to share as a group

Think about a way you could serve others by doing a task most people don't want to do. What would it look like to do this in a hospital? At school? A hard job? What barriers do you feel? Write down how you will be a servant this week:

CONCLUDE

5 min to pray for each other and your applications

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