

SESSION 7

PURPOSE IN
HOLY WEEK

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 **PRAY**

We suggest you start with this simple prayer.

Heavenly Father, we pray for our time together now. Would you help us see what purpose meant for Jesus in Holy Week. Amen.

 **READ**

Read John 13:1-17

 **WATCH**

Watch the session 7 video, available from the *On Purpose* webpage.

 **DISCUSS**

1. Think of Jesus cleaning the disciples' feet. His act has two layers of significance. One, he's cleaning their dirty feet. But two, he's communicating something of the way he will pay for all humanity's sin on the cross. How does he communicate that? Are there any other examples of things Jesus does that meet both an immediate, practical need, but also a deeper need?
2. Think about your purposes for a moment, across the different areas of your life. What small actions (like Jesus washing feet) might reveal a deeper purpose (like Jesus atoning for the sins of the world)?
3. What does Jesus' suffering on the cross suggest to us about his determination to accomplish his purpose?

4. Again thinking about your purposes, in which areas can suffering threaten to get in the way of living out that purpose? Where is it costly? How might you identify with Jesus in this?
5. How has your view of your own purpose changed over the last seven weeks?

 **PRAY**

You'll need someone to lead this.

It's time to pray again. We're going to use our imaginations. In a moment of quiet, shut your eyes, and imagine a scene during Holy Week in your head. It can be an interaction Jesus has, something that happens to him, or even the crucifixion itself.

Imagine the people, faces, activities.

Allow the actions and words of Jesus to fill your heart.

Finally, think about going out into the world, wherever you might be, whatever you might be doing with this full heart. How does it change your interactions, or the things that happen to you?

Again, think about people, faces, activities.

To close, say together: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.*