

Saving Lord, through water you have shown us your salvation. Wash us clean and send us forth as proclaimers of your grace to all the world. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Water is used in the New Testament to reveal God's salvation purpose to us.

Day 1 John 13:1-20; 31-35

1. Shoes in those days were sandals, soles with straps to hold them on the feet. Water pots usually stood at the entrance of houses for use in washing the feet of those who entered. Some commentators state that if the household contained servants, a servant would do this, but other commentators state that servants would bring you water, but you would have to do the washing yourself).
 - a. Why do you think Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet?

 - b. The footwashing is, of course symbolic. Given this is happening on the night Jesus was betrayed, of what is it symbolic?

 - c. Assuming that foot washing was “your task” not a servants (as many commentators suggest), what is Jesus saying about salvation and what he is about to do for us on the cross?

2. The washing with water is the metaphor at the last supper in the Gospel of John. Read verse 34. How do we “wash” other people?

Day 2 Read John 19:31-37

3. Jesus' side is pierced when he is dead and blood and water come out. No one is 100% sure what to make of this detail.
 - a. From reading John 4:14, what might this water symbolize?

 - b. From reading Matthew 3:16 and Matthew 26:28, what might the water and blood symbolize?

 - c. From reading John 2:1-11, of what might the water and blood be a fulfillment?

Day 3 Read John 19:28-29

4a. What kind of wine was Jesus offered by the world when he was thirsty in these verses?

b. What kind of wine did Jesus provide at the Wedding at Cana (John 4:1-11)?

Day 4 Read Acts 8:26-39

5. The Ethiopian Eunuch was considered an “outcast” from the people of Israel (much like a Samaritan). However, Philip’s was led by the Spirit to speak to him.

a. What did the Spirit lead Philip’s to teach the Eunuch?

b. Hearing about Isaiah prophesy about Jesus, what does the Eunuch request?

c. You’ll recall from other lessons that baptism was about “repentance” but now, for this outsider, what does baptism signify?

Day 5 Read Revelation 22:1-5

6. Describe the water that appears in these verses.

7. What is on either side of the river?

8a. With that city and river and tree, what does John say is the condition of the people of God in that place?

b. Doesn’t this all sound very familiar? What is the writer of Revelation drawing our minds back to and what is he saying about creation now (hint: think back to the very “beginning” of this study)?

Day 6

11. This is the end of the sessions on water? What has been your greatest learning about water in scripture through these 5 weeks?