Introduction:
1. E.g. The hardest instrument to play: “Second Fiddle”.
2. Pride will destroy unity; humility promotes it.

Proposition: Jesus teaches the great lesson on humble service to others.
Interrogative: How does He drive His point home?
Transition: In this lesson we will observe how Jesus teaches by example…

I. THE STAGE IS SET
   A. JESUS LOVED HIS OWN TO THE END
      1. They had trouble along the way, but Christ loved them.
      2. Judas would betray Christ, He still loved him.

   B. JESUS KNEW THE HEART OF JUDAS
      1. He had agreed to betray Christ
      2. He was seeking an opportunity

   C. JESUS CAME FROM GOD
      1. He remembered the former glory -Jn 17:5
      2. He was going back to the Father

II. JESUS WASHES HIS DISCIPLE’S FEET
   A. THIS AS A MENIAL TASK
      1. No one wanted this job. It was the job of a servant.
      2. The disciples wanted to be great in the kingdom. Washing feet would not
         appear to be a good strategy for accomplishing this.

   B. JESUS DEMONSTRATES HUMILITY
      1. He did what no one else wanted to do.
      2. He even washed Judas’ feet.

   C. DISCOURSE WITH PETER
      1. You’ll never wash my feet!
      2. If not, Peter would have no part with Christ. This changes Peter’s mind
         immediately.
      3. Baptism parallel
         a. If Jesus does not wash us today through His blood, we can have no part
            with Him.
b. Those who are bathed only need their feet washed. (ie. Once baptized, one does not have to be baptized again when they sin. -cf. Ac 8:20-24)

III. JESUS GIVES THE APPLICATION
   A. JESUS HUMBLED HIMSELF AND SERVED OTHERS
      1. He is Teacher and Lord. He still humbled Himself.
      2. He gave His life for us -Mt 20:28; Ro 5:6-8

   B. THE DISCIPLES SHOULD DO THIS FOR EACH OTHER
      1. Especially after the ascension of Christ, they will need each other.
      2. Did they learn this lesson?
         a. They sold land to take care of each other’s needs -Ac 4:32-37
         b. Many were gathered to pray for Peter -Ac 12:12

Conclusion:
   1. Our culture like many others, humility is not promoted.
   2. People want to focus on self.
   3. Jesus focuses our minds outside ourselves to the needs of others.