***Recap of 9/30/12 (John 13:14-17):***

*1. Humility is essential to the life, service, and exercise of authority of the believer.*

*2. Humility is not, as commonly thought, thinking poorly about ourselves, it is not being preoccupied with ourselves (the freedom not to think about ourselves). “Being humble involves having a true perspective about ourselves (see Romans 12:3). It does not mean that we should put ourselves down.” (NLT One Year Study Bible)*

*3. Pride (self) gets in the way of humility.*

*4. To deal with pride:*

*-we must realize and accept our position in Christ, finding our satisfaction and acceptance in Him.*

*-we must realize that all we have and all we are (gifts, talent, knowledge, position, status, means) are from God’s hand (1 Corinthians 4:7)*

*-when we think about others we must focus on how we may serve them, not on how we compare with them (2 Corinthians 10:12,18; Philippians 2:3,4)*

*-we must take control of our thoughts, asking “Would Christ think this way, or would he like this thought?” We must not let our thoughts be taken captive by our feelings.*

*-when feeling ad about ourselves or threatened by others we must focus our thoughts upon Christ (Philippians 4:8)*

*5. Jesus is the primary biblical example of humility (Philippians 2:4-8), Timothy is cited by Paul as another (Philippians 2:19-24).*

*6. God’s attitude toward the proud (resistance) and the humble (providing grace) should be motivation for believers to seek humility.*