

**YOUR NAME**



# WEEK 5 - SERVING OTHERS

## THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

**John 13:12-17**

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

*in each of the spaces below, write the date you will do the corresponding assignment*

**DAY ONE**

**DAY TWO**

**DAY THREE**

# DAY ONE

## DRILL

1. Read John 13:12-17 three times out loud
2. Write it out
3. Turn these verses into a personal prayer

## DIG

Open your Bible to John 13:1-30.

Take five minutes to silently read through the passage and write your thoughts next to these symbols:

1. Something which stands out to you as you read this.
2. Any questions this passage raised for you.
3. Write down what you think the main point of the passage is
4. Write down any applications or "take-aways" you get from this passage.



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# DAY TWO

## DRILL

1. Read James John 13:12-17 three times out loud
2. Turn these verses into a personal prayer
3. Try saying it from memory to someone else

## DIG

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German pastor and theologian who stood up against the Nazi regime in his country in the 1930's and 40's. Though he was put to death by the Nazis just days before the end of World War II, Bonhoeffer's legacy was the impactful writings he left behind. Jesus, Bonhoeffer claimed, was the only person who ever truly lived for others. Regarding the Church, Bonhoeffer taught that this ethic of servanthood ought to be its chief characteristic: "The Church is the Church only when it exists for others...not dominating, but helping and serving. It must tell men of every calling what it means to live for Christ, to exist for others."

In John 13, the Lord Jesus set before His men a beautiful example. Service was the way to lead and love each other. We see that Peter struggled with this (v. 6). He simply could not fathom that the Master should serve His servant.

**In what ways do you too struggle with serving as leading?**



**Read Mark 10:35-45.** During his earthly ministry, the disciples struggled to understand Jesus' view of authority and of servanthood. This just wasn't the way of the world – it still isn't!

**In what ways do we still struggle to think of authority in a way different than the Gentiles did to whom Jesus refers in Mark 10:42?**



Jesus considered serving others His central mission – a mission that would require His life (10:45)!

## WE ARE COMMANDED TO SERVE

Consider how God calls us to first serve Him! **Look at Matthew 4:10, Romans 6:16-18, and 1 Pet. 2:16.**

**What do each of these verses teach about serving God?**



We are also commanded to serve others. **Read Galatians 5:13 and Philippians 2:3-4.**  
**What do each of these verses teach about the duty we have to serve others?**



## **HOW ARE WE TO RENDER SERVICE TO OTHERS?**

We are to render service to others in love. This is what Jesus tells us in John 13. Serving without love is simply not serving. It may be many things, but it is not Christlike servanthood. A genuinely selfless desire to see another's needs or desires met is what God's love is all about (John 15:13). We must possess this love within us as a result of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in order for this love to truly flow out from us. Any human effort to produce this kind of love can never be sustained.

But how are we to love others as Jesus did? Where does love like this begin?

It begins with humility. **Read Philippians 2:1-11.**

**How does Jesus serve humanity? What does it cost Jesus to serve? In what ways does Jesus demonstrate an attitude of humility and willingness to serve you and I?**



God is humble. Think about that! How could it be that the infinite, almighty, omnipotent, sovereign, uncreated, first-cause-of-all-things-created Creator be humble! Yet He is. So is His Son:

*"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."* 2 Cor. 8:9

# DAY THREE

## DRILL

1. Read John 13:12-17 three times out loud
2. Try saying it from memory 3x
3. Turn these verses into a personal prayer

## DIG

This week we considered Jesus' humble service for our sake as depicted in Philippians 2. As we learned the other day, the form that Jesus willingly took on was not just that of a created being, man, but that of the lowest class of man, a slave! We will never know the incomprehensible beauty of the Infinite, Almighty, Creator bowing His knee to lovingly scrub the feet of finite, impotent, wicked and sinful man.

Still, Jesus' example is given there for us to follow (see verses 3-4).

Richard Foster wrote: *"Of all the classical Spiritual Disciplines, service is the most conducive to the growth of humility. When we set out on a consciously chosen course of action that accents the good of others and is for the most part a hidden work, a deep change occurs in our spirit. Nothing disciplines the inordinate desires of the flesh like service, and nothing transforms the desires of the flesh like serving in hiddenness. The flesh whines against service but screams against hidden service. It stains and pulls for honor and recognition. It will devise subtle, religiously acceptable means to call attention to the service rendered. If we stoutly refuse to give in to this lust of the flesh we crucify it. Every time we crucify the flesh we crucify our pride and arrogance."*

Service is the way forward and humility sustains service.

**In what ways is Jesus calling you to greater humility? What obstacles of pride are in you that need to be overcome?**



## SERVICE PROJECT

Pray about how you can serve others this week. You may serve family, friends, your neighbors, or even complete strangers. **Plan your service below:**

<b>WHO I AM GOING TO SERVE:</b>	
<b>HOW I AM GOING TO SERVE THEM:</b>	
<b>WHEN I AM GOING TO SERVE THEM:</b>	
<b>WHERE I AM GOING TO SERVE THEM:</b>	
<b>WHY I AM GOING TO SERVE THEM:</b>	

## HOW DID IT GO?

Write a recap of what you did and how it went:

## DISCUSS



## HEART-TO-HEART DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What impacted you the most in this lesson?
2. In what way(s) have your thoughts about service and/or humility been changed or challenged?
3. What did you learn about Jesus that you hadn't known before?

Recite your memory verse: John 13:12-17!



## LEADER TRIADS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did this week challenge you to serve?
2. Share how Jesus exemplified humility in his life and death.
3. What encouragement do you need to stay in a posture of humility and service as a leader?

Recite your memory verse: John 13:12-17!

## SUBMIT

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