

Life Group
Discussion
Guide

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SERVE



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Sermon Summary: This week's sermons focus on John, chapter 13, where we read about the evening we call the Last Supper, including Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. He knew He would soon be betrayed and denied. He knew His disciples would soon hide out for fear that they would be identified as His own. Yet, out of His love for them, He knelt and washed their feet, something a household slave would ordinarily do. And then He gave them a new commandment, saying "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. "

We are called to serve out of that love – that humble, servant hearted, sacrificial love. People should be able to know we are Christians because of our acts of service and love.

Conversation Starter: What qualities come to mind when you think of someone who chooses to serve in the military? Have you ever had a conversation with someone about why they chose to serve? What did you learn from their story?

Prayer: Father God, Lord, open our hearts and minds to hear your call to truly love one another. Help us to better understand how service shows Your love through us. Amen

Read Scripture together: John 13: 34

3-Question Study Method

Use this method to understand the passage.

1. What is the passage about?
2. What do I learn about God?
3. What is the lesson I learn that I can apply to my life?

Discussion Questions:

- How does it affect you to know that Jesus knew what each of the disciples was about to do, yet He still chose to serve them humbly and love them?
- What do you think when you hear that only 27% of those surveyed consider clergy trustworthy? What about the finding that nearly half of non-Christians describe Christians as arrogant, judgmental, or self-righteous? What might these perceptions reveal about how Christians are seen by others?
- Why do you think some people view being a Christian as simply attending church on Sunday? How can our everyday lives demonstrate that following Jesus is about more than Sunday worship?
- Think of someone you find difficult to love or serve. What might it look like to follow Jesus' example and serve that person anyway?
- Why is it so easy for our service to become about us—our recognition, accomplishments, or feelings—rather than reflecting Jesus' love and example?
- As mentioned in the sermon, Good Shepherd serves our local community and the world in many ways. Where do you see opportunities for us to better reflect Jesus' servant-hearted love?
- If you took the Spiritual Gifts Survey, what did you learn about yourself? How might you use those gifts to serve others and reflect Jesus' love?

Memory Verse:

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:35

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, help us to see the ways in which we can serve as opportunities to reflect Your love. Help us to see others through Your eyes, especially those we find difficult to love. May we seek out new ways to humbly serve each other, and You.

Amen