

In His Steps: Practicing the Way – Week 9 Small Group Questions

Opening Prayer 

Ice Breaker 

1. Is it easier for you to serve or to be served? Why?
2. What's one small act of kindness someone did for you that you still remember?

Discuss 

Main Scriptures: John 13:1-17

1. Pastor Ryan said, "In the Kingdom of God, the way up is always down." What does that statement challenge in the way our culture defines greatness?
2. In John 13:3, what does Jesus know before He stands up from the table? Why is His settled identity important to understanding what He does next?
3. Why do you think John emphasizes that Jesus had all authority and came from God before describing Him washing feet?
4. In John 13:6-8, why does Peter resist Jesus washing his feet? What does that reveal about pride and control?
5. Pastor Ryan said, "Service is not something we do to earn God's love. It is something we do because we already have it." How might this truth change the motivation behind serving?
6. Jesus washed Judas' feet knowing he would betray Him. What does this teach us about grace?
7. Pastor Ryan said, "The last touch Judas feels from Jesus isn't anger, it's love." How does that challenge how you treat difficult people?
8. In verses 13-15, Jesus says, "I have given you an example." What does it mean to imitate Jesus here in our daily lives?
9. Pastor Ryan said, "Receive your identity from the Father and rest in who you are in Me." What would change this week if you truly rested in that identity?

Practice 🏃

This week pick up a towel at home by doing one unseen act of service for someone in your family without announcing it. Additionally, ask God to reveal where you are serving for approval instead of overflow. Surrender that to Him.