

Message Notes | Team Up

Part 1: The Call to Serve

John 13:1-17

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It continues with a _____.

→ Jesus does something unexpected - **vs. 1-8**

#2 Jesus _____ us so much he chose to _____ us.

→ the lesson Jesus was teaching - **vs. 12-15**

#3 Followers of Jesus have been _____ to _____.

→ the pathway to blessing - **vs. 16-17**

#4 When you see a _____, _____ it.

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Group Questions | Team Up

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1. Is it hard to follow Jesus? Explain your answer and if possible, give an example from your life.
2. **Read John 13:1-17.** What stood out to you most from the sermon or the reading? Why?
3. When you consider all the circumstances involved, how was Jesus washing the disciple's feet both shocking and instructive about his love?
4. **Read Mark 10:42-45.** The disciples were often arguing about greatness and superiority. What was Jesus teaching the disciples about greatness in these verses?
5. **Read John 13:14-15.** Jesus has called us to serve others, just as he has served us. Share a time when someone selflessly served you. How did it impact you?
6. **Read John 13:17.** Jesus says we'll be blessed if we do these things. How have you been personally blessed through serving others?
7. In what way outside of church (family, work, neighborhood) are you feeling compelled to serve?
8. Serving at church is another way to follow Jesus' example. What's one role or area that you have loved serving at NorthCross? What's one role that you feel drawn to serve or learn more?

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Bible Reading for Today

John 13:1-17

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.