

Connect Group Studies



'Bringing God and people together'

Jesus: Our Model of Servanthood - Study 2

AIM To see how Jesus chose the way of humble servanthood so that we can choose that way too.

Q - Who do you think of when you think of servanthood? Why?

Q - What do you think about these things Mother Theresa said?

"Little things are indeed little, but to be faithful in little things is a great thing"

"Intense love does not measure, it just gives"

"Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness"

Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

Read John 13:1–11

Thinking about v6-9 how would you feel if you were Peter? How would you react to Jesus washing your feet?

How do you react when someone tries to do something menial for you?

How do you want others to react when you do something for them?

Are you willing to serve those who treat you badly? How have you responded in the past? Why?

APPLICATION - In our society, typically we do not wash other people's feet.

What are some relevant, practical ways we can serve one another in our group? How might we serve people outside our group?

WRAPPING IT UP

• The night before Jesus was crucified, He commanded His disciples to love one another (John 13:34, 15:12, 15:17).

- He said others would recognize that they were His disciples by their love for one another (John 13:35).
- He showed them how to love one another, by washing their feet like a servant. This humble act foreshadowed His ultimate act of service—dying on the cross to save us from our sin.
- We are to follow Jesus' pattern of humble service. We are to lay down our lives for our friends and others (John 15:13) by considering their needs and serving them.
- True servanthood requires looking away from ourselves to the world around us and the people in it.
- With the Father's love, we can take on any task, big or small, that God gives us to do.
- To lay down our life in the service of God and the world he came to save, may not necessarily mean dying for others to serve them, but also giving up what we want to do.
- By serving others, we may find Jesus working via the Holy Spirit through our words and deeds, showing them His love.

Pray for one another in this area and maybe brainstorm ways to serve others. Be creative!