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MOBILIZE

"Serve"

Sermon Small Group Notes

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than

[Matthew 20:25-28]

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

*²⁶ **Not so with you.** Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

[John 13:1-7, 12-15]

Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. ² It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God.

⁴ So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, ⁵ and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

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

⁷ Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will."

¹² After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? ¹³ You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am.

¹⁴ And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.

<p>Serving puts us on the road to true greatness (significance)</p>
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[Matthew 23:11]

"The greatest among you shall be your servant."

[1 Peter 5:5- 6 (NIV)]

*All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”⁶ **Humble yourselves**, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.*

Serving reveals Jesus to those who do not know him

1. **Serve those closest to you (spouse, family, friends)**
2. **Serve the Lord by serving through your church**
3. **Serve other nations = “*the least of these*”**

Serving is the gateway to a life of blessing!

[JOHN 13:17]

*“Now that you know these things, **God will bless you if you do them.**”*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does your version of success look like to you?
2. Is your propensity to serve or to be served?
3. Have you ever served someone who didn't deserve it?
4. How can "*you*" gain humility? Don't give a generic answer really ask your self "What can I do this week to gain humility?"
5. How can you serve your family?
6. How can you serve at The Father's House?
7. How can you serve other nations?