

Growth Group News

Valentine's Banquet is February 10. Sign up in the Lobby!

Next Steps: Serve! Three ways to serve

John 13:1-17

INSTRUCTIONS: THESE QUESTIONS ARE INTENDED TO CAUSE US TO THINK MORE DEEPLY ABOUT OUR FAITH IN VIEW OF THE SERMON. YOU MAY NOT GET TO EVERY QUESTION. ONE QUESTION MAY INDUCE OTHER FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS OR CAUSE A LARGER DISCUSSION. OUR PURPOSE ISN'T TO 'DISCUSS THE SERMON' SO MUCH AS IT IS TO TAKE OUR CONSIDERATION OF THE PASSAGE DEEPER SO THAT WE CAN LIVE CHANGED LIVES.

Growth Group Questions

1. Read all of John 13 aloud. Take time to consider or discuss all that Jesus faced in terms of stress, anxiety, etc. at the time He elected to lovingly serve His disciples by way of example. How would you have reacted in His shoes? Discuss this statement as it applies to this passage: "Serving is a response to a need, not a reaction to a circumstance or situation."
2. Often, we feel or express dissatisfaction with not having our needs or desires met. Sometimes we even complain out loud. How is this mindset different than Christ's mindset in Philippians 2:1-8? Read this passage and think about difference in attitudes. Does your attitude need to change?
3. Discuss what it means to love and serve with intentionality. How are service and love related to one another? How does serving relate to a love for God and your neighbor?
4. Someone once said, "the trouble with churches is that they are filled with and made up of people." Relate this problem to loving and serving sacrificially, patiently, and intentionally.
5. Relate your level of service in the church to John 13:16. Is service above (or below) anyone's "pay-grade." Explain.
6. Reflect upon Jesus' removing His outer garments to wash the feet of His disciples (John 13:3-5). How does this parallel His coming to Earth as an ordinary looking man to redeem us (Philippians 2:5-8)?