

Group/Individual Study

Series: Serve Everyone Always

Passages: John 13:1-17, Phil 2:5-11, Mt 20:25-28

REFLECT on the message heard Sunday, 9/24

1. Read John 13:1-4. What reasons can you see in these verses that might have made a person in Jesus' position **not** choose to serve the disciples? What reasons can you see here that explains why Jesus chose to serve them?
2. Read Philippians 2:5-11. Gary spent time talking about how greatness in God's Kingdom isn't made up of climbing up above others, but rather is something we **descend** into. How do you see this path to greatness lived out by Jesus in these verses?
3. Read John 13:4-9. Jesus' model of leadership is shocking, because it's the opposite of how most earthly people with power tend to live. Peter was so taken aback that in verse 8 he at first refuses to let Jesus serve him. What are some ways that God is intent on serving us? How does it feel to let Him do that? Is it ever hard for you?
4. One of the terms Gary used in this message is "kneeling love," the kind that expresses itself by "getting on our knees" in the role of a servant to care for others. As you think through the different arenas of your life (work, school, family, social, etc), where do you think God is calling you to express kneeling love? Is there a specific person you feel Him calling you to love this way?
5. Read John 13:12-17. In v13 Jesus clarified that He is "teacher" and "lord" -- it's just that God defines the "job description" that goes with those titles very differently than the world does. He calls us as His followers to live into His example. He also says "you will be blessed if you do [this.]" What are some of the blessings that come to us if we follow Jesus' descending path into greatness the way God defines it?
6. Read Matthew 20:25-28. Have you ever been led by someone who led like "the rulers of the Gentiles" do? Have you ever been led by someone who led the way Jesus modeled? What effect did each style have on you?