

Scripture: Luke 22:24-27

Sermon Title: Encounters: Putting on the mind of Jesus

Becoming like Jesus is **the lifelong formation of the life of Christ in us**; we see as He sees, feel as He feels, & do as He does.

- Rest** in the work of Jesus
- Take up** the cross of Jesus
- Put on** the mind of Jesus
- Practice** the habits of Jesus

Become like Jesus by **putting on the mind of Jesus**.

But I am among you as the one who serves.

Luke 22:27

Jesus is always more than an example but never less.

A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵ And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶ But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷ For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

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And **the Word became flesh** and **dwelt among us**, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ **Have this mind** among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, **he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross**. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:3-11

The incarnation should **empty** every heart of pride, **fill** every heart with hope, & **buckle** every knee in **acknowledgement & adoration** of Jesus.

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. **For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.**”

Matthew 16:21-23

The mind of Jesus is a perspective guided by the greater glory of God & the good of all people.

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The mind of Jesus is a posture of humility towards God, self, & others.

“Humility is nothing but the disappearance of self in the vision that God is all—humility is the displacement of self by the enthronement of God.”

-Andrew Murray. Humility: The Journey Towards Holiness

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The mind of Jesus is demonstrated & developed most in serving others.

He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and **began to wash the disciples' feet** and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.—¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For **I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.** ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

John 13:4,14-17

The mind of Jesus is a way of seeing that shapes your way of doing.

Put on the mind of Jesus by contemplating the glory of God & seeking to serve.

Contemplate glory by meditating on the attributes, attitudes, & actions of Jesus.

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and **manifested his glory.** And his disciples believed in him.

John 2:11

7 Statements:

I am the bread of life. (John 6:35,48,51)
I am the light of the world. (John 8:12; 9:5)
I am the door of the sheep. (John 10:7,9)
I am the good shepherd. (John 10:11,14)
I am the resurrection and the life. (John 11:25)
I am the way, the truth, and the life. (John 14:6)
I am the true vine. (John 15:1)

7 Signs

Turning Water into Wine (John 2:1–11)
Cleansing the Temple (John 2:12–17)
Healing the Nobleman’s Son (John 4:46–54)
Healing the Lame Man (John 5:1–15)
Feeding the Multitude (John 6:1–15)
Healing the Man Blind from Birth (John 9)
Raising Lazarus from the Dead (John 11)

*“This is a story about four people named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**. There was an important job to do, and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought Anybody would do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn’t do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.”*

Charles Swindoll

Seek to serve by **scheduling it**.

Seek to serve by starting with **neighbors & needs**.