

**Sermon Title:** To Serve

**Sermon Series:** Inviting – All In Together

**Scripture:** John 13:1-7, 1 John 4:7-12, 19, Philipians 2:1-8,  
1 Peter 4:10-11

**Speaker:** Pastor Jay Richmond



**Big Idea: As Jesus has served us, He invites us to join Him in serving others.**

### **John 13:1-17 ESV**

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. 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. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet,<sup>[a]</sup> but is completely clean. And you<sup>[b]</sup> are clean, but not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If 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<sup>[c]</sup> 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.

**How has Jesus served you?**

### **1 John 4:7-12, 19 ESV**

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us...19 We love because he first loved us.

**So, if we love because He first loved us, could it be said that we serve because He first served us?**

### **Philippians 2:1-8 ESV**

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 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,[a] 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,[b] 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,[c] 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.

**Because Jesus came to serve, we are invited to serve.**

### **Matthew 25:31-40 ESV**

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord,

when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers,[a] you did it to me.'

**Because we are followers of Jesus the King, we are invited to join Him in serving others...or are we?**

### **1 Peter 4:10-11 ESV**

10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Who has received a gift?

You have received a gift as a result of what?

What's the ultimate goal of service or serving?

What is your gift? What would others say is your gift? Are you using the gift from God to serve others?

God is inviting us to use the gift He has given us to complete His portrait.

What is something you can do, "get to" do, to glorify God by serving someone this week?

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*\*Questions are subject to change - for the most accurate questions please check our app on Sunday morning*

### **Group Questions:**

This week there aren't specific **bold** questions to discuss. Choose one or two from each of the DBS questions and do more if time allows.

### **Open with Prayer**

### **Getting to Know You**

1. What is your favorite way to serve others?
2. Is there a serving role in the church that corresponds to #1?

### **Into the Bible**

1. Read John 13: 1-17
  - A. How has Jesus served you?
  - B. Have you ever felt like Peter did? How did you get past that feeling?
  
2. Read 1 John 4:7-12, 19
  - A. If we love because He first loved us, could it be said that we serve because He first served us? Why?
  
3. Read Matthew 25:31-40
  - A. As followers of Jesus the King, are we invited to join Him in serving others? Why?
  
4. For extra study – Read Mark 10:35-45
  - A. What was James & John's request?
  - B. How did everyone else respond?
  - C. How might you respond?
  - D. What was Jesus' view of service?

## **Application**

1. Read 1 Peter 4:10-11
  - A. Who has received a gift?
  - B. You have received a gift as a result of what?
  - C. What's the ultimate goal of service or of serving?
  - D. What is your gift? What would others say is your gift? Are you using your gift from God to serve others?
  
2. What is something you can do, or you get to do, to glorify God by serving someone this week?