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We can't do Church without U!

Jesus even volunteered for the dirty work!

John 13:1 (NIV) “It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.”

John 13:2-5 (NIV) “The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God ⁴so [Jesus] got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.”

John 13:6-8a (NIV) “He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, ‘Lord, are you going to wash my feet?’ ⁷Jesus replied, ‘You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.’ ⁸‘No,’ said Peter, ‘you shall never wash my feet.’”

John 13:8 (NIV) “‘No,’ said Peter, ‘you shall never wash my feet.’ Jesus answered, ‘Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.’”

John 13:9-10a (NIV) “‘Then, Lord,’ Simon Peter replied, ‘not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!’ ¹⁰Jesus answered, ‘Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean.’”

John 13:10-11 (NIV) “Jesus answered, ‘. . . And you are clean, though not every one of you.’ ¹¹For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.”

John 13:12-14 (NIV) “When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. ‘Do you understand what I have done for you?’ he asked them. ¹³‘You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.’”

John 13:15 (NIV) “I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”

John 13:16-17 (NIV) “Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

7 Reasons Volunteering At This Church Matters:

1st – You will help the family of God.

Galatians 6:10 (NIV) “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, *especially to those* who belong to the family of believers.”

2nd – You've been designed to serve.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) “For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

3rd – You've been saved to serve.

2 Timothy 1:9 (ESV) “. . . who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began . . .”

4th - You've been prepared to serve.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) “Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’”

Luke 9:1-2 (NIV) “When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, ²and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.”

5th – You are needed to serve.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV) “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

6th - You are SHAPED to serve.

Psalms 139:13-16 (TLB) “You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit them together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous--and how well I know it. ¹⁵You were there while I was being formed in utter seclusion! ¹⁶You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book!”

7th – You will be rewarded for serving.

Matthew 10:42 (NIV) “And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones ***who is my disciple***, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”