



Let's Talk:

When you have someone over for a visit, what do you do to prepare for your guests? What special things do you do during the meal to make your guests feel welcome and comfortable in your home?

When someone chooses to serve you in some way, or offers to bless you in some way, what does that say to you about their love for you?

Let's Study:

Read John 13:1-17.

It was not Jesus' position or responsibility to wash his follower's feet. What does this tell you about the nature and attitude of Jesus Christ?

How did you feel as you read Peter's reaction to Jesus wanting to wash his feet (verses 6-9)?

Jesus knew this was his last 24 hours before the cross. What is the main lesson he chose during his final hours to try and teach his disciples in this passage?

Keeping that in mind, read Luke 22:24-26. Why would the lesson Jesus is teaching them in John 13 have been so difficult?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21.

According to these verses what is the message and ministry of reconciliation given to Christ's Ambassadors?

Discuss what impact the Spiritual Practice of Service could have regarding the two reasons Jon mentioned why people do not accept the message of Christianity: 1.) God would never love me or serve me, and 2.) I don't need God's help.

Let's Apply:

The Bible says we are to serve our neighbor. Who does that refer to?

List ways you can symbolically wash the feet of someone you want to be of service to?

What excuses do we use in order not to serve?

Take a moment and think, how comfortable are you to allow others to be a service to you as well?

In light of recent conversations about racism and reconciliation, in what ways can we grow in service to, and be aware of the needs in our church and in our neighborhood, to people of different race and ethnicity? How might we learn to “wash one another’s feet?”

For further reading visit <https://sanctuschurch.com/books>:

Be the Bridge by Latasha Morrison

Letters to a Birmingham Jail by Bryan Loritts

Generous Justice by Timothy Keller

Oneness Embraced by Tony Evans

This week will you commit to...

“Do something for someone else that you’ve never done before.

Do something for someone else that they won’t know about so they can’t thank you.

Do something for someone who has been unkind to you. In other words, overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21).” Karen Wingate.

Let’s Pray:

Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. 1 Sam. 12:24a.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will open our eyes to opportunities to serve Him and that we will listen and obey.