



Title: THE JESUS WE NEED—THE SERVANT

Main Scripture: Mark 14:12-26
John 13:1-17

Serving others is never beneath you.

Serving others is never about who *they* are; it's about who *Christ* is, and how He wants us to follow His example.

Humility is seen in not only how we serve others, but in how we allow others to serve us.

When you see how Jesus loves and serves you, you'll love and serve like Jesus.

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Small Group Sermon Study | Mark 14:12-26, John 13:1-17

Prayer: *Father, in Jesus' name, through the Holy Spirit, we invite You to come now. Speak to us, teach us and transform us. As we read, discuss and reflect on Your Word, we seek to know and experience deeper life in You. Amen.*

Icebreaker: Have you ever experienced a time when you messed up big? What happened and how did you handle it?

Read Mark 14:12-26 and John 13:1-17 together. From this Scripture and notes from the sermon, discuss the following:

- As you consider the Scriptures in Mark and John, what words, thoughts or pictures do these verses bring to mind?
- Reflect on John 13:5-17 and Acts 4:32-35, and how this connects to the truth that “serving others is never beneath you.” What would following Jesus’ example, in a similar way to the early Church, look like at Heartland today? What would it look like in our small group? What would it look like for each of us individually?
- Like Peter, we need to understand that humility is not only in how we serve others, but also in how we allow others to serve us. How might we foster relationships where there is freedom to serve and receive? In what ways can we make space for each other in our lives?

Personal Reflection:

- Pastor Rob points out that Jesus, even knowing that Judas would betray Him, washed his feet, and this was after Judas had already decided he would betray Him. Jesus intentionally washed the feet of his betrayer, and by doing so, set the example of how you treat people who have mistreated you so that bitterness and resentment do not remain in our hearts.
 - How do you treat people who hate you or those you know are not trustworthy?
 - Could you imagine treating someone who despised you enough to wish you dead with the kind of servant heart that Jesus treated Judas with?
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to bring someone to mind whom He wants you to love, because of who Christ is, and share how you will choose to love that person this week?

Prayer: *Jesus, we want to serve like You did, not because of the benefits or praise from others, but because we know that when we follow after You we are walking in freedom and in the way that is everlasting. Holy Spirit, work in our hearts and lead us in our days. May we be able to declare, as Paul did in Galatians 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Amen.*