

You Got Served

Practice the Way of Jesus

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OPENING QUESTION

If you had to serve at a summer camp for a month, would you rather wash dishes, clean bathrooms, cook meals, or lead games – and why?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 13:1-17

KEY TAKE AWAY(S)

- **Serving isn't the goal; becoming like the Servant is the goal.**
 - The point is not just doing acts of service, but becoming more like Jesus.
- **Jesus is a Servant.**
 - Jesus washed his disciples' feet and ultimately served humanity through the cross.
- **Serving reveals who we really are.**
 - It exposes pride, selfishness, false humility, and whether we think certain tasks are "beneath us."
- **Serving shapes who we become.**
 - As we practice serving, God forms us into people who look more like Jesus.

QUESTIONS

1. When you think about serving, do you usually focus more on the task getting done or on how God might be forming you through it? Why?
2. In John 13:3–5, we're told that Jesus knew "the Father had put all things under His power," and then He got up, wrapped a towel around His waist, and washed His disciples' feet. What does this teach us about how Jesus uses power and authority? How does that challenge the way you view leadership, influence, or being "great"?
3. Have you ever noticed serving expose something in you—like pride, frustration, insecurity, or the desire to be noticed? What did that experience teach you?
4. Philippians 2:5–8 says Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient even to death on a cross. What is one practical way God may be inviting you to humble yourself and serve so you can become more like Jesus?

PRACTICE

PRACTICE: Go Low This Week

This week, look for **one opportunity to “go low” and serve someone**—especially in a way that may feel inconvenient, unnoticed, or not your “job.”

It could be at home, work, church, school, or with a neighbor.

Before you serve, ask yourself:

“Am I willing to do this even if no one thanks me?”

Then do it as a way of becoming more like Jesus.

Next group, discuss:

“What did that act of service reveal in you?”

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for serving us first and showing us what true greatness looks like.
Give us humble hearts that are willing to go low, serve others, and become more like You.
Help us notice needs around us this week and respond with love, even when it costs us something.
Amen.