

Chris Brown – Influencing Your World

Chris points out that Jesus made it clear that He was ‘calling the shots’. Jesus knew He was coming from God and going to God and that He was in control of what was to come. Chris says that at the Last Supper with His disciples, Jesus had one particular point that had to be emphasized with these men. That night there was no one there to wash the feet of those who entered the room, which would normally be of necessity for that environment. There was something different about the situation. Would one of the disciples take up that responsibility? No, the disciples were too self-involved for such an act. John 13:4-17 tells us that Jesus showed them a different path.

Discussion Questions:

1. The world in which we live emphasizes a ‘me first’ mentality, not unlike what the disciples exhibited at the Last Supper. Consider a time when, in your interaction with a co-worker, parent, wife or child, you exhibited a ‘me first’ mentality. What was the outcome? Now consider how the result of that interaction might have been different if you had acted sacrificially, i.e. as if you had washed their feet. Share with someone in your group your answer. Sacrifice leaves open the possibility that you might feel ‘used’ in the interaction. Are you OK with that? If not, why not?
2. What does it mean to you to know that God loved you enough to come to earth and experience what you experience? Do you think He feels ‘used’?
3. Chris chastises us regarding the use of the term ‘servant leader’, in which we use the word servant as an adjective. Jesus used the word servant as a noun. The word leader is not present when describing the events of the Last Supper. In what ways have you served with the motivation that you wanted to be seen?
4. Chris says that it doesn’t come naturally to be a servant. We are to be the best Jesus that we can be. How do we do that?
5. Chris tells us that we were made for others. It is why we love stories of heroes who gave of themselves to help others. Does a true hero act because of a desire for recognition? Think of someone who is your hero.