

Current Series: Your Turn

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Reflection Focus:

It is your turn to be the church. Christ has been preparing you for this moment for a long time. Be the church and take full advantage of this inflection point.

Main Points:

24:10: Jesus is calling us to "come to serve, not to be served" (Matt 20:28) in this moment. To do so like Jesus modeled in washing his disciples feet in John 13:1-17.

25:07: 1) Be equipped through using your gifts

26:12: "You don't become equipped by receiving gifts, but by using the gifts you have received"

26:45: 2) Be a student of your ministry sphere of influence

27:41 3) Do the work Christ has prepared you for

Passage: John 13:1-17: (N/V)

1 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.

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

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus 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."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

10 Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

12 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. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Supporting Passages/Ideas:

Matthew 20:28 (NIV): 28 ...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

Romans 12:6-8: (NIV): 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your[a] faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION FOR YOU & YOUR ASC SMALL GROUP

- 1. What is an incredible memorable moment you can remember? A "remember where you were moment". Quickly describe what it felt like, how you remember the details of that moment.
- 2. How do you believe this moment might be an "inflection point" (a new opportunity presenting itself as disruption appears) for you and your relationship with God?
- **3. (John 13:1-13)**: What does this passage tell you about Jesus? How does it challenge your understanding of who you are and what he is calling you to do/be in this world moment?
- **4.** (Matt 20:28): Are you "coming to serve" and "give life" to others like Jesus, or approaching life in a different way? What is your driving force in this time of crisis?
- **5. (Romans 12:6-8 | Ephesians 2:10)**: How has God uniquely gifted and prepared you for the good work you are called to in this moment?
- 6. How can we pray for/help support you in "being the church" in response to your answers to the above questions?