



Life Group Discussion Guide
“How to Live a Life that Really Matters” – John 13:1-30
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Main thought:

If we want to live a life that really matters we need to let Jesus serve us and then follow His example by serving others.

Notes:

How to serve like Jesus:

1. Jesus served **humbly**.
2. Jesus served **unconditionally**.
3. Jesus served **simply**.

Ice-Breaker

- Share a way you see God working that we can celebrate together.

Digging In

Read John 13:1-5 and discuss the following questions.

- What stands out to you from John’s statement about Jesus in verse 1?
- When Jesus said that his hour had come, the disciples certainly had a different idea for what this meant than Jesus did. What do you think the disciples were thinking?
- Can you think of a time that you missed or almost missed God’s agenda because you were focused on your agenda for God?
- Why is what Jesus did in this passage so shocking?

Read John 13:6-11 and discuss the following questions.

- Talk about Peter’s response in verses 6-9. What do you find relatable?
- What can we learn from the distinction Jesus makes about needing a bath versus just needing to wash your feet? How is this instructive and helpful to you?
- Jesus washed all the disciple’s feet including Judas’ feet. How does his example challenge you? Who would you have a hard time serving like Jesus served Judas?

Read John 13:12-20 and discuss the following questions.

- How does Jesus’ example and teaching challenge the common view of authority and who serves who?
- Why do you think Jesus says you’ll be blessed if you do what he said? (v.17)
- How is serving key to living a life that really matters?

Read John 13:21-30 and discuss the following questions.



- When Jesus tells the disciples that one of them will betray him, they were at a loss to know which of them he meant. What does this tell you about Judas and how well he portrayed an external image? How is this a warning about the danger of doing stuff on the outside but not allowing God to do a work on the inside?

Application

- Which of the three serving principles highlighted this Sunday stood out to you?
- Is there one you'd be willing to share that you could use God's help to grow in?

Praying as a group

- How can we be praying for each other this week?