

## Loves Serves | John 13:1-17 2022 Spring #1 - 4/3/22

### Leader Page

**Tips:** Breaking up prayer time into pairs or threesomes once in a while is a great way for folks to build more personal connections and it helps folks nervous to pray aloud to feel more secure in a smaller group. You might guide people to pray in new ways by introducing a structure where praise prayers are offered before petition. You might lead silent prayer that is entirely confession and repentance and have folks take inventory of certain areas of life: being a father/mother, being a son/daughter, with neighbors, at church, with finances..etc. Ask God how he might lead you to facilitate your prayer time with your group this week.

**Administration:** Groups members need to connect with each other. Early on in the quarter, make sure you have distributed a roster in some form so everyone can share each other's contact information. Encourage each other to reach out privately with encouragement. You might use Group Me app to get a thread going of prayer requests through the week. It is always good to caution each other about confidentiality.

**Announcements:** Did you know that the church creates a video reel of announcements each week called the "Loop". It is posted on the Website on Wednesdays but you and all your members can have it sent to your email directly if you change your notifications in Realm. We dont want members to miss out.

LADIES: There is a women's event coming on Friday, May 6th at Harrison Lane. Women of all generations are invited for Faith, Fun and Friendship!! More details will be coming!!

## Discussion Page - April 3, 2022

### My Story Questions

*These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.*

- 1) What was one of the most helpful things anyone has ever done for you?
- 2) Have you ever served on a mission trip? What lessons did you learn?

### Study Questions

*These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.*

#### **Debrief from Love Serves project**

- 1) If you served this weekend, what project did you do? How did you experience God's presence as you served? Where did you see someone's gifts in action?
- 2) Pastor Mark described the pattern of: **Good works** lead to **Good will** that leads to sharing **Good news**. Did you see any part of this play out in your project?
- 3) How were you blessed through serving others?

#### **Read John 13:1-17 Jesus washes his disciples' feet**

- 4) The lowest servants usually performed the task of footwashing. Why do you suppose the disciples still had dirty feet after dinner? What humbling tasks do you sometimes resist doing?
- 5) What are some of the lowliest jobs at church, in the community, in your home? What motivates people to do them or not do them? According to John 13:1, what motivated Jesus to serve?
- 6) Read Ephesians 6:7. What attitude about serving can help when doing lowly tasks?
- 7) What do you think Peter was thinking when he watched Jesus washing feet? How would you feel if you saw Jesus washing your car or mopping your kitchen floor?
- 8) Do you find it harder to serve others or be served by others? Why?
- 9) What do you think is the essence of what Jesus commanded in verse 12-17. How does Matthew 20:26-28 relate?
- 10) What lessons do you learn from the actions of Jesus washing feet and the description of Jesus in Philippians 2:6-8.

### Responding to Jesus

*Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time.*

- 1) Lord, "Is there an act of service I am refusing to do because of pride?"
- 2) Lord, "Where are you asking me to serve at home? at church?"
- 3) Lord, "What are my motivations for serving? Will you cause love to be my only motive?"