



VICTORY CHURCH

Big Idea

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Many times, we overcomplicate what it means to be a follower of Jesus. We read or hear about it, add a little splash of religion, throw in some culture and then we mix it all together and what do we end up with? A mess. Confusion. Pride. Judgmental attitude. Lack of peace, joy, and direction. This message explains how to live in the fullness of following Jesus, tools we have available to use, and the key motivation.

When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was He said it was to love God and to love people. Jesus demonstrated this love by His life on earth: “For the Son of Man (Jesus) came not to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28 Jesus’ love moved Him to action.

In John 13, Jesus interrupted the last supper by laying aside His garment and washing the feet of His bickering disciples with a towel and a basin of water. In this, Jesus shows us how we are to live and serve those around us with a Christ-like heart. Jesus allowed for an interruption, saying yes to a divine appointment. He laid aside His garment and took a towel to wash his disciples’ feet.

This message also identifies three roadblocks to serving: pride, comparison, and lack of knowing we are to serve. Then we heard three practical next steps to serving: **Pray** and ask God for direction, **discover and discern** using Growth Track and other tools, then **obey and take action**. So, if the greatest commandment is to love God and others, and serving like Jesus is love in action, then we obey the greatest commandment by serving God and serving others. A follower of Jesus serves God and people by love in action.

Discussion Questions

- Do you live a life committed to serving others in humility?
- What areas of your life are not helpful in connecting with and serving those around you? What steps can you take to overcome these obstacles?
- How can you get more involved in serving others to make an eternal impact in their lives?

Prayer Focus

Pray that the Lord will open our eyes to divine interruptions and appointments. Ask Him to give us the boldness to choose humble service of others over pride or comparison. Pray for the courage to serve instead of allowing the fear of what others may think of us influence our decisions. Ask Him for opportunities to grow in community with like-minded Christians.

Next Steps

Evaluate the condition of your heart when it comes to serving others. Make a commitment to developing the heart of a servant, and look for ways to show love to those in need. If you are not part of a Serve Team at your Location, go through the Growth Track and join a team.

Leader Tip

Encourage your group to be aware of divine decision points in their life-where they have the choice to get involved and serve those around them with Christ-like humility.