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Serving Others

John 13:1-20

Jesus sets an example for us to follow. After washing His disciples' feet — an act of love, humility, and service — He encourages us to follow His lead and **serve one another**.

"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you," Jesus says.

Jesus, the Son of God, the most high King, Lord of Lords, never placed himself in a position above others. He led by serving, and He loved by serving. Jesus showed us that serving others and humility go hand in hand.

What might we see God do right here through us, at our Church, and in Loudoun County, and in the state if we started serving others as Jesus Christ did.

Philippians 2:3-5

Serving others is more than keeping up with your to-do list. To be a servant means we genuinely need to care about people. It's keeping our eyes, hearts, and schedules open for divine appointments. Jesus was not stressed by time, what others thought of Him, or a list of tasks to accomplish each day. Jesus was led by the Spirit of God and followed His promptings to serve, love, and help others. No task was ever beneath Jesus, and no person was ever unworthy.

If we have this Christ like mindset and we begin to value others above our own interest our lives will be transformed.

Philippians 2:6-8

Galatians 5:13

Serving others and genuine love go hand in hand. But what exactly does that look like? How do we genuinely love even the unlovable? How do we let go of our to-do list? How do we position ourselves to act humbly?

Four good places to start:

- 1. Listen to God. Do what He says. Spend time in His Word and prayer.**
- 2. Is your heart struggling to love others? Ask Jesus for a heart change.**
- 3. Take a look at your schedule. Are you doing too much?**
- 4. Begin placing others first in your day to day life.**

Follow God's prompting and leading when going about your day. If you feel like you should stop and serve, do it. This doesn't necessarily mean you take on every opportunity presented to you.

Pray. Ask God, then listen and do what He says.

Examine yourself – whose strength am I running on - my own or Jesus Christ strength?

You can glorify Him with this body, by daily coming humble to Him and asking Him to direct our step.

Humble Ourselves