



Serving Changes Lives

Warm-up

When you hear the phrase “serve others”, what comes to mind? When you hear about people, groups or organizations that have changed lives because of their serving others, who comes to mind? Why?

The Word

Read John 13:3-17

- How does this story demonstrate and defines how Jesus served humanity?

Jesus showed us difference between knowing and doing. He also showed us that serving is the pathway to the blessed life.

- In the story we just read, why do you think Jesus felt compelled to serve the disciples by washing their feet? What do you think this act of service did to how they viewed serving others?

We are going to look at the example of how Jesus walked in the pathway of the blessed life by serving others.

1) **Willing Heart – Jesus got involved**

Read John 13:4a – “so he got up from the meal”

- Why does the importance of serving others begin with a “willing heart”?

2) **Dirtied His hands – Jesus took a towel**

Read John 13:4b - “wrapped a towel around his waist”

- Describe a time when “your hands became dirty” from serving others. How did that make you feel?

3) Unashamed Humility – He knelt down

Read John 3:5 - “began to wash his disciples’ feet”

- Have you felt unappreciated when you served others? Did you continue to serve them?

Serving isn't always the easiest thing for us to do, but it will impact not only those we serve, but it will impact us.

When you serve it changes you, others and our community.

- Describe a time when you were changed by serving others. What blessings did you experience and what did you learn from your act of serving others?
- Describe a time when others lives were changed by your selfless act of serving them. How did they experience the blessed life because of you serving them?

Jesus' ultimate demonstration of serving was personified when He gave His life for ours by dying on the cross. This selfless demonstration of unconditional love, not only changed the community but the entire world as we know it! We are here today because of Jesus serving humanity through His selfless sacrificial giving of His life.

If you have never embraced the fact that Jesus gave His life for you that you may be saved you can do that today.

- How will serving others with our giving of time, talents or treasures change our community? What can you do today to begin or continue changing lives by serving others?

Prayer

Ask God to show you the next steps that you can take in the pathway of the blessed life that will change lives by serving others.