

Spir-it-ed

How do I get from here to there?

Spiritual Discipline: Serving | John 13:4-17

Message Reflection Guide

“Service to others in the spirit of Jesus allows us the freedom of a humility that carries no burdens of “appearance.” It lets us be what we are—simply a particularly lively piece of clay who, as a servant of God, happens to be here now with the ability to do good and needful things for that other bit of clay there.”

- Dallas Willard, *The Spirit of Disciplines*

CONVERSATION STARTER

Some pets tend to be more loyal and obedient than others. Describe some of your experiences with pets that have been loyal to you or their owner.

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Read John 13:4-17

On Sunday, Brandon said, “Serving comes from intimate relationship with God.” What do you think Jesus’s relationship was like with His Heavenly Father? How can you reflect Jesus’s relationship with your Heavenly Father?

Serving Denies Self. Jesus has given us an example of serving in this scripture passage. Where else do we see Jesus denying himself in scripture? What do you find most difficult about denying yourself to serve others?

Serving is fulfilling when we engage our spiritual gifts. How do you think Jesus engaged with the Holy Spirit as He was washing his disciples’ feet? What is your spiritual gift and how have you been using it over the past year?

CHALLENGE

How do we, as followers of Jesus, engage in the spiritual discipline of service?

- Reflect on your relationship with God.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you determine where you could be serving.
- Act!