

Discussion Guide

Discussion Guides accompany the [weekly message](#).

Opening Activity:

Describe a time you served someone or were served in a way that genuinely humbled you. What made that moment stick with you?

Read:

John 13:1-17

Philippians 2:5-8

Mark 10:42-45

Discussion Questions:

1. In John 13:1-3, what does Jesus' awareness of His authority and identity reveal about the connection between security in God and submission to God?
2. Philippians 2:5-8 shows Jesus choosing humility over status. What stands out to you about how Jesus submitted—and what that reveals about God's character?
3. In John 13:12-15, why does Jesus move from example to expectation ("you ought to ...") instead of leaving it as inspiration?
4. Looking at Mark 10:42-45, how does Jesus redefine leadership compared to the world's definition—and why is that so countercultural?
5. The foot washing points to a deeper spiritual truth about cleansing and forgiveness. What does this teach us about the difference between being made clean and being continually cleansed?
6. Where in your life do you find it hardest to submit to God's will—especially when it doesn't align with your preferences or timing?
7. The sermon emphasized that service flows from identity, not insecurity. When have you served out of pressure or approval instead of from being secure in Christ?
8. Who is someone in your life right now that God may be calling you to serve in a humble or unseen way? What's holding you back?
9. Jesus served those who would betray or fail Him. How does that challenge the way you choose who is "worthy" or your service?
10. If your life fully reflected this truth—"If Jesus submitted and served, then I will too"—what would look different this week in your relationships, leadership, or daily rhythms?

Challenge for the Week:

Choose one intentional act of hidden service this week—something no one expects and you won't get credit for. Do it as an act of submission to God, and be ready to share what it revealed about your heart next week.