



IMMANUEL CHURCH

Conversation Starter: Grab a Towel
August 6, 2017

Opening Questions:

- Share about a time when the solution to a problem was more simple than you thought it would be. Was that frustrating or a relief? Why do you suppose we so often jump to the conclusion that the completion of a task, the formation of a habit, or the solution to a problem is always complex?
- What would *you* say it takes for an individual to be like Jesus in their every day life? Describe a person you spend time with that exemplifies that. How do you suppose they came to that practice or lifestyle?

Looking at Scripture:

- Read **John 13:3-17...** Put yourself in the room with Jesus, imagine he's washing *your* feet—what are you thinking? What are you feeling? What might you be saying? Explain why that's the case.
- Why do you think Jesus went to such lengths in order to provide a pattern like this? Why not give a memorable talk or a less humiliating standard? Would it have mattered if he'd done something less menial?
- Countless people volunteer every day; this isn't an explicitly *Christian* way of life. So what makes our service to others different? What might be the difference in attitude or heart when we volunteer?
- Read **Philippians 6:6-7...** What does being a slave to Christ look like for you? What does that mean to you? What do you see as the primary connection between serving Jesus and serving others? Is there a connection?

Application Questions:

- This week's bottom line was **WE'RE NEVER MORE LIKE JESUS THAN WHEN WE SERVE SOMEONE ELSE.** Does this mean being like Jesus in large part is consistently and lovingly serving other people? Why do you suppose this is the case? Why would honoring Jesus look like this? Why would this be important to him?
- What serving opportunity did you put on the *In service to the King...* card Sunday? How do you plan to live more of your moments in that way? How does this change your attitude about work? Friendship? Parenting? Marriage? Dating? Sabbath? What area of your life do you see being most affected by this value?

End your time together praying for the cards your group filled out Sunday. Ask God to give everyone courage and strength to carry through on them. Ask him to use those services as a way of opening the recipient up to his love and purpose for them. Take turns praying for each person individually.