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2. Is the thought of being a servant a positive or negative idea to you, and why? How does it influence your perception of your identity as a servant?
3. Read **John 13:1-17**. How did Jesus serve his disciples? Why do you think he served them? What did he command them to do? Why is it significant that Jesus washed the feet of Judas? What does His example teach you? Who are you called to sacrificially serve? Jesus tells his disciples they will be blessed if they serve others. How have you experienced blessings as you have served others?
4. Who in your life is it easy to serve, and who in your life is difficult to serve, and why?
5. Read **Matthew 5:43-47; Matthew 25:31-40; James 1:27**. Who and when does Jesus direct us to serve in these passages? How does the truth of who Jesus *IS*, what He has *DONE*, and what He has *PROVIDED* enable us to serve the least of these, including our enemies?
6. Read **Philippians 2:1-11**. In what ways is Christ an example of service for us? Why is His example of service so meaningful? According to verse 9-11, what was the result of Christ humility? What are we commanded to do in these verses?
7. Read **Mark 9:33-35; Mark 10:42-45**. What do you learn about Jesus from these passages? What do you learn about us as humans? Who does Jesus say you are from these verses, and from these verses, what has he called you to do next?
8. As you think back over the sermon or your group discussion, what particular truth resonated with you? How will you live differently in light of that new understanding?

Prayer: *Father, I confess that I have tried to serve without you, to get your approval, and to merely be seen by others at times. I have not always accepted my position in life, and have looked for, and waited for a calling from You, not realizing that you have already called and appointed me to be servant of all. I have not loved and served people as You loved and served me while I was your enemy. I choose to find my significance in being seen by you alone when I serve all people. I turn away from the cycle of needing the approval of others, selfishness, and self-protection. I turn towards you, Jesus, who has approved me by your blood, who has selflessly served me and freed me to serve sacrificially. I worship and adore you as the King who came to serve and not be served and to give your life for my life and all people. Amen.*



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