

Love Does
“Love Serves”
John 13:1-17

Why did Jesus do something as **humiliating** and **outrageous** as washing the disciples' feet?

1. Jesus wants us to **learn** that:

- The greatest motivation in life is **love**.
- The greatest lesson in love is love **does**.
- The greatest way to love is to **serve**.

2. Jesus wants **so much** for us to learn that “love serves” that:

- He **demonstrates** what it looks like.
- He **explains** the meaning of what he's done.
- He **commands** us to follow his example.
- He promises a **blessing**.

We prove we **understand** Christlike love when we **serve** in love.

LifeGroup Questions: Applying the Teaching to Our Life

1. What is the most humbling thing you have ever had to do?
2. Read John 13:1-17 again. There are a lot of surprising things said and done in this passage. Which is most surprising to you?
3. We live in a culture that elevates “love feels” over “love does.” What does that emphasis on “love feels” produce in relationships and society?
4. Share and explain which is most challenging to you:
 - a. “Washing feet.” Serving others in a humbling way.
 - b. “Getting your feet washed.” Being served in a humbling way.
5. When Jesus washed the disciples' feet, he wasn't inventing a special way of serving, it was a very common task. Here are a few other ways we can show a “foot washing” attitude:
 - Doing a menial task for someone
 - Serving in a role in church that others may feel is “insignificant”
 - Not insisting on our “rights” or “privileges.”
 - Looking for a job no one else will do and cheerfully doing it.
 - Focusing on the results being achieved, not on who is getting the credit.

Can you think of any more? With these examples in mind, how will you “wash feet” (serve others in simple ways) this week?

6. Decide among your group what are the 3 most significant words in v 17. What is the relationship between these 3 words?
7. Where are you serving these days? Do you need to start serving? If, so, ask your LifeGroup leader to help you find a place to serve.

Core CHRISTlike Characteristic: Relates with Other-Centered Love/Loving People