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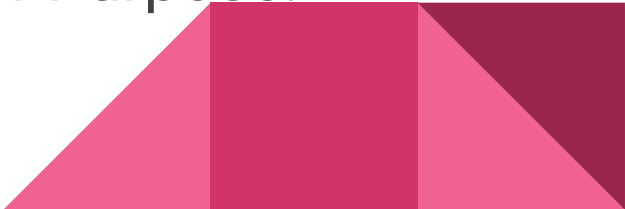
A Church that Serves: A Model of Christian Service

Bible Study for May 28, 2020
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Lesson objective

To examine a model of service that can help us determine how we can best serve in our context(s).

As a result of this session, we will:

1. Know why Jesus served as He did.
 2. Be able to tell how Jesus' service impacts us.
 3. Develop our own Service Statement of Purpose.
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*At the core of Christian love and neighborliness is **service**. We must serve as unto God; which is to say that our ministry to one other and to our neighbor, is how we serve the Lord. The best of who we are and hope to be is tied to our service.*

– Rev. Larrin Robertson



Read John 13:1-17



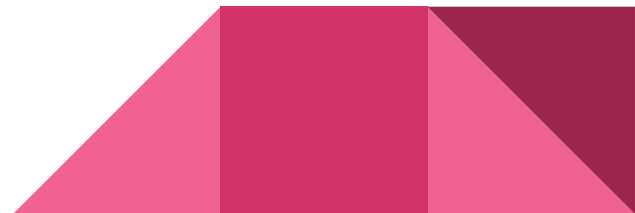
Let's talk about it

How do you view Jesus in this text?

Did anything trouble you?

Did anything encourage you?

What do you think is the point of this text?



John 13:1-17

A Model of Christian Service

Service begins with what a person **knows** (1-3)

Service involves **embodying** the role of a servant (4-5)

Service insists on the **fulfillment** of **duty** (6-8)

Service models what is **possible** for another (12-15)

Service provides lessons for ongoing **action** (16-17)



John 13:1-3

Service begins with what a person knows

Jesus knew about this particular stage of His life.

Jesus knew that God had subjected everything to Jesus' command.

Jesus knew that He belonged to God.

Question: Do you find yourself waiting for something else before serving?



John 13:4-5

Service embodies the role of a servant

Jesus was not above lowering Himself socially.

Jesus prepared the resources for His service.

Jesus used what covered Him to minister to others.

Question: What will it take for service to be less what you do, and more who you are?



John 13:6-8

Service insists on the fulfillment of duty

Lack of understanding is not a deterrent.

Jesus makes clear the effects of His service.

Question: What can you do when your service is flatly rejected?




John 13:12-15

Service models possibilities for others

Service confirms Jesus' nature and character.

Jesus provides a standard for His disciples to live by.

Question: How does your service help people see what is possible for themselves?




John 13:16-17 *Service provides lessons for ongoing action*

Those who serve are not greater than the One for whom they serve.

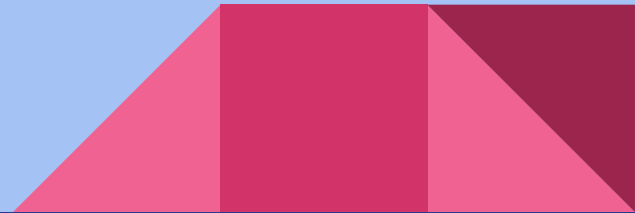
Those who are sent are not greater than the One who sent them.

Satisfaction/joy/happiness comes to those who do what should be done.

Question: How are your actions impacted by the way Jesus served?



Questions?



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