

PREACHING CURRICULUM

Serve One Another

John 13:12-17; Gal. 5:13-15; 1 Peter 4:9-11

We are to love and serve one another even as Christ, our Lord and Teacher, has served us.

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read John 13:12-17. What was Jesus teaching His disciples through the act of foot washing? What was the essential principle He was conveying through the act?

What does it look like for us to imitate Jesus' example in our current context? Should we literally wash each other's feet, or can we apply the principle in other ways?

Read Galatians 5:13-15. How are we to use our freedom in Christ?

How is love the fulfillment of the whole law?

Read 1 Peter 4:9-11. What is the ultimate reason why Christians should love and serve one another?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Is your life marked by humble service to others? Why or why not?

What are your spiritual gifts? If you aren't sure, how might you identify your gifts?

Do you find it difficult to do something for someone else when you know that nobody will appreciate it? If so, why do you think that is?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

Are you willing to roll up your sleeves and serve others in practical ways, even when you know that you will not receive any recognition for doing so? Are you willing to do the jobs nobody else wants to do? Why or why not?

What gifts, talents, opportunities and resources has God given you? How might you use them to serve and benefit others?

What is your biggest barrier to humbly serving others? How might that barrier be overcome?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

In what practical ways will you love and serve others this week? How will you plan to make it happen?