

TITLE: Serve Like Jesus**OPENING QUESTION:**

Where do you serve now at New Walk? Where would you like to serve but haven't tried yet? If you aren't serving, why not?

**"I despaired at the thought that my life might pass me
by without God moving greatly on my behalf."**

-Jim Cymbala

QUESTION: Have you ever felt this way? If so, how did you pray about it? Were your prayers answered and if so, in what way? How have you seen God moving greatly on your behalf?

John 13:3-16 - Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power; and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus replied, 'You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 'No,' said Peter, 'you shall never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.' 'Then Lord,' Simon Peter replied, 'not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!' Jesus answered, 'A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.' For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked them. 'You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.'

Jesus distinguishes the difference between KNOWING AND DOING. Serving puts you in the POSITION OF BLESSING.

QUESTION: James 1:22 says that we are to be "doers" of the Word and not merely "hearers" of the Word. Why do you think that true faith requires action? Why is it not enough to just read our Bibles?

QUESTION: How have you been blessed by Jesus through service?

Jesus Teaches:

- Awareness

- Timing



PRINCIPLES OF PEOPLE WHO “SERVE LIKE JESUS”:

1. If you don't learn to serve IN SECRET, you won't serve in public.
2. If you don't learn how to love and serve the HOUSE OF GOD, then you won't be able to be used by God.
3. If you don't learn how to serve in the INSIGNIFICANT, small, and areas no one else wants to, how then can you serve anywhere else?
4. The cause of Christ goes through the HEART OF SERVING.

QUESTION: Why is serving “in secret” important - - meaning, what is your motivation to serve “the house of God”? Is it important for you that others know that you serve, and how much you serve? If so, why? If not, why not?

DO YOU HAVE A HEART TO SERVE LIKE JESUS?

John 13:4 - . . . so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

1. Get up from THE TABLE.
2. Get LOW.
3. Know the TEXTURE.

Matthew 20:28 - “ . . . just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Philippians 2:9-11 - Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

QUESTION: What types of people did Jesus serve during his ministry? What is your attitude about, and willingness to serve, the “less than”? From which do you think you would get the most gratification and blessing - serving the “important people” or serving the “less fortunate” and why? How can you better model Jesus’ humility in service?

CLOSING QUESTIONS:

QUESTION: If you are currently serving at New Walk Church, does your attitude about that service need an “adjustment”? Is it time to try a different ministry? If you are not currently serving, are you willing to attend a Boot Camp and learn more about the various ministries looking for volunteers?

