

A LIVING LESSON IN TRUE GREATNESS

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Get a Grip & Get a Life // Preparing for Departure // John 13:12-20

CONNECT – Announcements (page 2) & Building Relationships

1. Is there anything noteworthy going on in your life since last week? Where have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others?
2. If you could trade places with any job or role for just a single day, what would it be and why?
3. Can you recall a simple act of kindness someone did for you that changed your day—or your life?

REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives

4. Read John 13:12-20 [have someone read it out loud for group time]. What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in His Word, maybe for the first time?
5. In what ways does Jesus's example of washing His disciples' feet challenge our culture's view of greatness and leadership?
6. Read Philippians 2:5-8. How should Christ's self-emptying model influence your approach to leadership, parenting, or church ministry?
7. Do you find it hard to serve people you view as undeserving? What are some excuses you might make? And how does that run the risk of "being above the big Boss" as Pastor Jeremy described?
8. Seeing that "true blessing is found in the doing and not just in the knowing" (John 13:17), what are some practical ways that we, as a group, can get involved in "foot-washing" activity (humble service)? Let's put something on the schedule and do it. Or some ideas, check out the [vision document for ServeNC](#) linked in the first announcement below.
9. How do Jesus's words about Judas's betrayal build our confidence in Jesus and God's Word?
10. Have you or someone close to you ever been discouraged by the fall or folly of a respected Christian leader? How does this guidance from the sermon shape your outlook: "Don't put your faith in a Judas. Put your faith in Lord Jesus"?

PROTECT – Care for one another (divided, gender-specific groups)

11. As you heard this message this week, were there any areas of your life where you felt called to serve others more humbly, even if it feels "beneath" you? How can we help you to follow through?
12. Whose feet would you have a difficult time washing right now? Is there someone in your life that might not reciprocate love or support your mission – like a Judas – that we can pray for and help you think about how to serve in a Christ-compelling way?

Encourage each other to live out the lesson of true greatness by serving others, just as Jesus did. Pray for God's guidance, humility, and love to fill your hearts as you seek to follow His example.



Announcements

Save the date of **Saturday, August 2** for our next church-wide day of service, **ServeNC**. This is an initiative of NC Baptists, and we are working to champion a collaboration of NC Baptist churches in Western Rockingham County. Check out the vision document on our website for more information: <https://nvf.life/serve-nc>

Would your group be willing to champion a project? If so, please send your project idea and details over to admin@nvf.life.

Summer Bible Camp is coming up quickly! Have you registered and invited the kids in your life who you'd like to see them? This is for children ages 2 through rising grade 5, and will be July 6-10, 6:30 to 8:45 each evening. Register online at <https://nvf.life/vbs>

Individual Options for Going Deeper

Discover the thoughts of one of yesteryear's greatest preachers, Charles Spurgeon, on the distinction between "Knowing and Doing" in John 13: <https://answersingenesis.org/education/spurgeon-sermons/3348-knowing-and-doing/>