



Journey with Jesus

TITLE:

THE TOWEL IS THE MISSION

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SCRIPTURE: JOHN 13: 1-16

OPENING THOUGHT

JESUS SHOWED HIS DISCIPLES THAT SERVING IS NOT SECONDARY—IT IS THE MISSION. WITH ALL AUTHORITY, HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF TO WASH THEIR FEET, TEACHING THAT LEADERSHIP AND LOVE ARE EXPRESSED THROUGH SERVICE. BELONGING IN THE BODY OF CHRIST MEANS SERVING ONE ANOTHER.

KEY SCRIPTURE VERSES

- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27
- LUKE 22:26-27
- ROMANS 12:4-5
- JOHN 13: 14-15 NLT - AND SINCE I, YOUR LORD AND TEACHER, HAVE WASHED YOUR FEET, YOU OUGHT TO WASH EACH OTHER'S FEET. I HAVE GIVEN YOU AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW. DO AS I HAVE DONE TO YOU."

KEY POINTS

- JESUS CONNECTED AUTHORITY WITH SERVING, NOT STATUS.
- SERVICE TRANSFORMS US—IT'S NOT JUST INFORMATION BUT TRANSFORMATION.
- EVERY PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST IS ESSENTIAL.
- BELONGING MEANS BEING ACCEPTED AS YOU ARE, NOT EDITED TO FIT IN.
- THE TOWEL REPRESENTS OUR MISSION—SERVING WHERE GOD PLACES US.

5 DISCUSSION QUESTION'S

- 1.WHY DO YOU THINK JESUS CHOSE TO WASH FEET RATHER THAN SIMPLY GIVE A PARABLE ABOUT SERVING?
- 2.HOW DOES SERVING OTHERS BRING TRANSFORMATION IN OUR OWN LIVES?
- 3.WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "BELONGING" AND "FITTING IN" IN THE BODY OF CHRIST?
- 4.WHAT MIGHT BE HOLDING YOU BACK FROM SERVING WHERE GOD IS CALLING YOU?
- 5.HOW CAN WE PRACTICALLY LIVE OUT "THE TOWEL IS THE MISSION" IN OUR DAILY LIVES?

CLOSING ENCOURAGEMENT

JESUS DIDN'T JUST TALK ABOUT LOVE AND HUMILITY—HE SHOWED IT WITH A TOWEL AND A BASIN. SERVING ISN'T AN ADD-ON; IT'S THE MISSION. EVERY ACT OF SERVICE IS SACRED. PICK UP THE TOWEL AND STEP INTO GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU.