

Fall 2017 Community Groups  
**Discussion Guide**  
**Following Jesus 4 - Serve**  
John 13



For the rest of the semester, we will be looking on how the scriptures that were preached on and that we are reading affects what we do in the world around us. This **Following Jesus** series works directly with the idea of our work in the world to share the good news.

## Get To Know You

Share a funny or crazy story from a time when you worked in food or retail service.

## Discussion & Application

Read John 13:1-20, Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 20:25-28

What makes a good servant? Tom shared four parts of a servant's mindset: 1) No status is belongs to me, 2) No success is because of me, 3) No service is beneath me, and 4) No sacrifice is beyond me. And why do we serve in this way? Because we have been served in all of these ways perfectly through Christ. In John 13:17, Jesus says "If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them". And when we we do these things and serve together, the world will see Jesus Christ in action.

1. Share a time you saw someone truly, selflessly serve.
2. What ways do you try to be the greatest?
  - a. (like the disciples arguing who is the greatest among them)
3. Which of the four pieces of a servant's mindset do you struggle with the most?
4. How do we see Jesus doing these four things in the Bible?
5. Who in your life has dirty feet who you feel called to clean?
6. What are some ways we can serve the world around us more intentionally together as a group?
7. How can we be more intentional about the Christmas Connect Shopping than just buying some gifts and dropping them off?

## Prayer Time

Set aside 10-15 minutes at the end of tonight's meeting to pray for one another. Pray specifically that God would open up your eyes to see the service work that He has for you and the group together.

## The Gospel Story

This is the good news - that at the right time, God, in all His love and mercy, sent His only Son, Jesus the Christ to be born humbly as a baby. He did this to come down to where we are so that we would be able to know who He is. Jesus lived and breathed and healed and taught and served. He was in all ways God and in all ways man. And then He was beaten and nailed to a cross to suffer and die in order to pay the price for our sins. That is, because of our sin and brokenness, we were dead with no way of redeeming ourselves. But Jesus in all his love and mercy paid the price for us, so that death would be defeated, so that the shackles of sin would be taken off, so that our blindness would be healed. And then, after three days, He rose from the grave, establishing His kingdom and bringing real actual life to the world. You see, through Christ's death and resurrection we have been saved from death and given a new life, full of peace and glory and love. He is our king and our savior, our Lord and our brother, He is God and we are His people. We have been show the great richness of God's love for us in all of these ways. And this is good news.

There is more to say about this good news, but were all the terabytes on all the computers in all of the world used to write about Jesus Christ, there still would not be enough room.