

Introduction:

Text: John 13:1-17

A. Biblical principles from Jesus' example of serving others (John 13:3-10)

1. Serve others in **humility** (vv. 3-5)
2. Serve to **share** life with others (vv. 6-9)

B. Life Application: How can we joyfully serve others?

1. **J**esus = The **Motivation** (John 13:12-14)

- * Having Jesus as our motivation in serving others will help us...
 - * Serve with genuine **love** (Mark 10:45, 1 Cor 13:3)
 - * Serve without **discrimination** (Matthew 5:43-48)
 - * Serve without **expectation** (Eph 6:5-8)

2. **O**thers = The **Mission** (John 13:13-14)

- * Joyfully serving others brings...
 - * **Internal** Rewards
 - * **External** Rewards
 - * **Eternal** Rewards (Luke 15:10)

3. **Y**ou = The **Means** (John 13:15)

- * Joyfully serving others cures you from...
 - * **Selfish** motives
 - * Self-**centeredness**
 - * **Selfishness**

The Big Idea: Jesus saved us so we can serve like Him, with Him as our *motivation*, others as our *mission*, and us as the *means* to share the love that we have received from Him through serving others.

1. Name someone in your life that has inspired you and made a positive impact in your life. What qualities did this person have that impressed you the most, and how did this person serve you or others?
2. You always hear people say, "It is better to give than to receive", why is that?
3. Please Read Matthew 5:13-16 and ask the following questions:
 - a. What did Jesus mean when he told His listeners, "You are the salt of the earth" and "You are the light of the world?"
 - b. As followers of Christ, what are some practical ways we can serve our family members, co-workers, school mates and community to show that we are "the salt and the light?"
 - c. What is the main reason why Jesus wants us to be "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world?"
 - d. In your own personal life, how did your relationship with Jesus motivate you to joyfully serve others? Please share your testimony.
4. Someone once said, "***It is better to serve together***". Read the strategies in fulfilling the vision of the church (PIEES) in the church bulletin, and as a group think about ways you can apply these strategies in your life group and in the church.

PRAY!