

## Today's Teaching at a Glance

- All disciples after they have been chosen by Christ are called into service – even young, housebound or elderly have a role to play
- Sadly serving the Lord, the Fellowship and the community is the missing element of discipleship for many people today
- Service at times will be costly, sacrificial and should not be the least you can get away with
- *“A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing.”* Martin Luther
- Key text: John 13: 4-15
- Jesus set the example of a sacrificial servant
- When you serve the fellowship and serve others you are in fact serving Jesus
- *‘Ask not what Jesus can do for you. Ask what you can do for Jesus’*
- Serving can bring great joy into your own life

## Scriptures and Questions to Ponder

Read **John 13: 1-15** (if possible and time allows read the scriptures a few times slowly) and then consider the following:-

- How does this text make you feel?
- In this text how does Jesus serve others?
- Read verse 15 again. What does Jesus say about what he has done?
- How does it make you feel to know that the Creator of the Universe is prepared to take on the lowest of all jobs to serve others?
- In what ways could you personally follow Jesus' example – not necessarily washing feet but the principal of costly service?
- Does our church have any areas of sacrificial service missing from it? If so why not bring it to the attention of Rev Lee (but be prepared to possibly be involved in the work yourself)

## Prayer Pointers

- Pray that Jesus will enable you to be sacrificial in serving the fellowship and serving others
- Ask God for clear opportunities to serve others to be shown to you
- Pray that when you are slightly reluctant to serve that the Holy Spirit would give you grace to become willing
- Pray that God raises up a church filled with willing servants
- Give thanks that God has given you everything you need to be involved in serving Him and others
- Pray for all those that you are in contact with who don't know Jesus – pray that through your willingness to serve them you may be able to show them some of Jesus' love

## *Simple and easy opportunity to Respond*

*This week why not ask Lee (01943 430693 or leenliz@ukonline) if there is any area of church life that you could serve in.*

*Even if you feel there is very little you could do (even if you are housebound) there are ways of serving God just as you are – please speak to Lee*

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**“Called to Serve”**



***“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you...”***

John 13: 15

*The purpose of this sheet is to offer an opportunity to engage with the reading and teaching during the course of the week. It is designed to be used when you can give some concentrated time to reading and following the notes*

**REMINDER FROM LAST WEEKS TEACHING:**

***Housegroups are a great way to make friends, to be encouraged, to deepen your faith and to grow in the Christian life – if you would like to join a group or get more information then please ring the office on 01943 816035 or email [leenliz@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:leenliz@ukonline.co.uk)***