

Sermon Discussion Questions: Serving the Church (John 13:1-17)

November 10th, 2019

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?
2. What particular people do you have a hard time serving or what particular task do you struggle to do with a servant's heart?
3. According to John 13:1 what motivated Jesus to serve His disciples? How does love get us out of our selfish tendencies and into serving other people (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)?
4. Just before Jesus lowers himself in humble service to wash his disciples feet, the text says, "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him." This shows off Jesus' great authority which springs from His relation to God the Father and his return to God the Father. Yet in this scene Jesus, who was given all things in His hand, gives himself to serve His disciples. How is Jesus' use of authority different from the way the Gentiles and we use our authority? See Mark 10:42-45. What does it mean for us to follow Jesus' example?
5. Check out the Talents Inventory on the back of this sheet made by Amy Sherman. Identify key talents you have on this list or add additional talents you have to the list. How might these talents be used to serve the church? What have been ways you have served the church in the past and how has this been a blessing to others and even yourself?

Prayerfully read through the Timothy verses this week and see how Paul equipped Timothy to serve the church.

- **Adoration:** Read and adore God for His great character and kingdom clarified in the verse.
- **Meditation:** Read and consider key phrases, prepositions, people, plots, connections, and redemptive themes.
- **Confession:** Read and confess ways you don't reflect God's character and kingdom in the verse.
- **Thanksgiving:** Read and give thanks for God's grace, forgiveness, and help in or around the verse.
- **Supplication:** Read and seek God's guidance in applying the text. Write down application.

11/11 2 Timothy 1:8-12

11/12 2 Timothy 1:13-18

11/13 2 Timothy 2:1-2

11/14 2 Timothy 2:3-7

11/15 2 Timothy 2:8-13

A Talents Inventory

Directions: Place a ✓ for each talent you possess in column 1. Then ask yourself whether any volunteer work you are doing now utilizing that particular skill and indicate in column 2. Thinking about PREVIOUS volunteering, were you asked to you this skill? Indicate yes with a ✓ in column 3. Then in the final column indicate whether or not this is a skill you ENJOY using. You can write in additional talents you possess, that are not listed, in the blank rows at the bottom.

Talent	Possess It?	Using Now?	Used in Past?	Enjoy it?
Oral communications				
Written communications				
Artistic skills				
Relationally gifted (good people skills)				
Organizational ability				
Attentiveness to detail				
Creative/inventive				
Good at planning				
Good at making things (e.g. sewing)				
I know how to repair things				
Counseling skills				
Being Intuitive				
Being Persuasive				
Teaching				
Visualizing				
Problem Solving				
Math skills				
Computer skills				
Research skills				
Analysis				
Good at making decisions				
Leadership Abilities				
Capable of inspiring/motivating others				
Athletic Skills				
Nursing Skills				
Accounting skills/knowledge (e.g. tax prep)				
Knowledge of the law				
Know how to write a business plan				
Musical talent				
Speak another language besides English				
Good typist				
Good listener				
I could teach someone how to drive				
Cooking				