

SERVE SOMEONE



HEAR

Read John 13:1-20, 34-35

Imagine you were one of Jesus' followers who was seated around this table. How would you feel about Jesus washing your feet?

Jesus clearly expected his followers to do as he had done. Jesus even went as far as to say that love for one another is how all people would recognize disciples of Jesus. Why do you think Jesus considers our love for one another to be the defining mark of a follower of Jesus?



RESPOND

Go and do

Jesus was abundantly clear with his followers: because he served them, they were supposed to serve one another. As a community that is seeking to follow Jesus together, we are called to serve.

Perhaps the Lord is inviting you to serve the people that you identified in your network map or in the Explore a New Corner discipleship cycle. Serving others speaks volumes about God's love for them. A few years ago, Rachel felt called to serve the cleaning ladies in her dorm. She noticed that they worked long hours and looked tired at the end of the day. Rachel prayed and the Lord invited her to clean with them, and take on some of the work they did. Eventually others in her bible study joined Rachel in serving, and after a few weeks they all became friends with the cleaning crew. This opened opportunities for spiritual conversations, and eventually Rachel and her friends started a bible study with the cleaning ladies. If the Lord has put a specific group of people on your hearts, serving them is a great way to build relationships and begin sharing God's love for them.

Who is God calling you to serve? Take a minute of silence to listen and see if God brings a person or a group to your mind.

Make a simple plan for how you will serve them in a tangible way this week!



DEBRIEF

Reflect on what you learned

- What was the response to your acts of service this week?
- How do you think that working together to serve and meet needs on your campus communicated the love of God to people?
- How would the culture on your campus change if more people served each other like Jesus washed his disciples' feet?

