

SERVING OTHERS

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HEAR

Read John 13:1-17

In Jesus' day, they wore sandals and walked on dusty streets. Their feet were filthy. No one wanted to wash feet like these. Except Jesus.

- How does Peter initially respond to Jesus trying to wash his feet? Why?
- What do you learn about Jesus from this chapter? Why would he do this for them?
- Jesus gives them an important exhortation in v. 14. What do you think Jesus means?



RESPOND

Go and do

Jesus calls us to "wash one another's feet" now and for the rest of our lives. Washing feet is a very practical expression of service. It is important that we are very practical in how we serve at church and wherever we find ourselves.

Next time you are at church, ask if there are practical ways that you could serve. Bring snacks some Sunday. Introduce yourself to newcomers and offer to buy them coffee. Offer to pray with folks who might need prayer.

In addition, join a service team at church. Think about becoming an usher. Or helping with the kids ministry. Volunteer at the church's food pantry. Maybe you could help out by running the slides for the worship team. Try joining the choir or the prayer team. There are always special needs during the Christmas and Easter services.



DEBRIEF

Reflect on what you learned

- What were some of the thoughts and feelings you experienced as you "washed one another's feet"? Feel free to reference a feelings wheel.
- What did you learn about others, yourself, and God as you served?
- What are other opportunities you see to serve at church? There are lots of ways to serve with whatever time you have. If you're not sure, ask a church leader how you can serve given your availability as a student.