

At your Service

Week 2

John 13 5-7 and 14-15

**5** After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

**6** He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

**7** Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

**14** Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. **15** I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

Title: Because He said so...

- You ever ask your parents why?
- But why?
- Going back to the chores conversation.
- But why do I need to do the dishes.
- But why do I need to

The worst answer ever, but now I understand.

Because I said so.

And truthfully, when it comes to serving. We really shouldn't need a sermon or a huge realization that we need to do it.

We just should, but to just for good measures and to hopefully motivate you more to serve.

### **Main Point: Why is Serving important for our faith?**

**5** After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet

#### **Point 1: It Humbles Us**

Some of us, truthfully, need to work on our humility a little more.

We could all use a little more humility. You never hear someone say, I am so humble. If you do, they probably are prideful.

We might think a little too highly of ourselves. It's ok to do that, but if you do it to the point where you cannot serve, then there is an issue.

Proverbs 11:2 NIV

When pride comes, then comes disgrace,  
but with humility comes wisdom.

Prideful people are a disgrace.

Humble people are wise.

- It is powerful when you can go from acing a class paper to picking up trash around your classroom.
- Or being the leading scorer on your team to picking up chairs after the game.
- Or being viewed as the popular kid, but you are still willing to help clean up the lunch room after.
- Or working on how you look and the clothes you wear to helping at a soup kitchen where people do not have money to buy clothes or products for their beauty.

Serving keeps us humble.

It works on who we are. And helps us stay grounded. Some of us are living in the clouds too much.

7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

### **Point 2: It Grows our faith**

Some of us are halted in our faith because we have not stepped out and served people yet.

John 13:17

17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Our faith is blessed by serving.

Key areas you can serve - Serve in Church or Serve in your school

Kids ministry

Youth Ministry

Sunday Morning greeting team.

Serving will grow you.

15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

### **Point 3: It makes us more like Christ**

Our goal and desire should be to be like Christ.  
Well we cannot be like Christ if we do not serve.  
Do not have a heart to serve.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

#### **Conclusion**

- **Humbles us**
- **Grows our faith**
- **It makes us more like Christ**

#### **Bowl**

**And water.**

**Significant part of this is Jesus did something, a servant would do. House servant.**

#### **Interesting**

**He took on the image of a servant by doing this.**

**And some of us need a little image change.**

**We are seen as arrogant, stuck up, mean, selfish, trouble maker, goody to shoes,**

**And we need a image shift.**

**The best way to do that is to pick up the bowl and start serving.**

**It is time to serve.**

**Mention.**

**Meeting at the end of the month about wanting to be a servant leader in the ministry.**