

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## *How to Serve God Successfully*

Last Letter - Week 4

**ICEBREAKER:** Do you think God exists? Why or why not?

**OVERVIEW:** We are saved to serve. God doesn't just want you to believe in Him. He wants you to serve Him. You weren't saved to sit and soak. You were saved to serve the Lord. Christianity isn't a spectator sport. God doesn't call some of us to be players and others to be fans. He has called us all to get out of the bleachers and get into the game of ministry. Christianity has no civilians. God has drafted each and every one of us into His army. In this discussion we will go deeper with the sermon on how to serve God successfully.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Read John 13:1-17.
  - a. When in the life of Jesus did this event occur?
  - b. What does it teach us about serving God that Jesus used His last hours on earth to serve, even knowing what lied ahead?
  - c. Why did Jesus wash the disciples' feet?
  - d. Of all the ways that Jesus could have illustrated servanthood, why do you think He chose foot-washing?
  - e. What does it mean that Jesus "loved them to the end (v. 1)?"

- f. Verse 3 says that Jesus knew certain things. What did He know, and how did knowing those things help Him to be a better servant? What do you need to know about yourself to be a better servant?
- g. Why did Jesus say that "a slave is not greater than his master...?"
- h. Verse 15 says that Jesus was giving His disciples an example to follow. How can you better follow Jesus' example of servanthood?

3. What are the ways that Christ has called every Christian to serve Him?
4. What are the unique ways that Christ has called you to serve Him in this season of your life?
5. Read Ephesians 4:16. How can you do your part of service to help our church grow healthier and stronger?
6. What do you need to do to serve God more successfully?

**The Last Word:** You need to see the face of God every morning before you see the faces of other people. You need to talk to God before you talk to others.