

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*HUMBLE SERVANT*  
*John 13:1-17*  
Stand-Alone Sermon

**ICEBREAKER:** When have you felt betrayed?

**OVERVIEW:** Studies show that Christians are struggling to embrace the call to serve. A Gallup poll discovered that only 10% of church members are active in any kind of personal ministry in their church, and 50% said they have no desire or interest in serving in any ministry. This is alarming. Jesus exemplified the life of a servant, and He commands us to follow in His steps. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to be humble servants.

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. Has someone recently served you in a meaningful way? Explain.
3. How does it make you feel when you serve others?
4. Why do people struggle to embrace an attitude of servanthood?
5. Read Matthew 20:25-28 and answer the following questions.
  - a) What is the wrong way to lead?
  - b) How can a leader be a servant at the same time?
  - c) What is the key to greatness? How does this contrast with the world's definition of and path to greatness?
  - d) How did Jesus set the example of servanthood?

6. For the following questions refer to Sunday's sermon. What is humility, and how did Jesus display humility by washing the disciples' feet?
7. Why do you need humility to be an effective servant?
8. Read John 13:6-11. What did Jesus mean when He said (v. 8), "If I don't wash you, you have no part with me"? What does this have to do with servanthood?
9. Why did Jesus wash the disciples' feet?
9. When and where should you assume the form of a servant (see Philippians 2:7)?
10. What are some ways that you can better serve your family, your church family, your Home Group, your coworkers, and your friends?

**The Last Word:** "The measure of a man is not how many servants he has, but how many men he serves." D.L. Moody

