

“Service – Love With Boots On”
John 13:1-17

ONE Challenge: Make disciples - Matthew 28:19
Two Lives: One on One Discipling – 2 Timothy 2:2; Eccl. 4:9
“Disciple” – committed to knowing, loving & following Jesus.

Discipling Equipment: www.ss.pd
Word, Witness, Worship, Stewardship, **Service**, Prayer, and Discipleship

Vision: *Imagine ONE life restored eternally, growing spiritually and reaching ONE more! Who’s your ONE?*

Discipleship Point: ***SERVICE IS LOVE WITH BOOTS ON!***

Questions:

1. What keeps you from serving others unselfishly?
2. Why is it hardest to serve those closest to you?
3. What do we do when people take advantage of us?
4. Is service a “spiritual gift” some have, and others do not?
5. Why does it seem to come easier for some than others?
6. Is there a difference between a Christian’s “service” and someone who is not?

“Without a prior, life-consuming experience of God’s love for us, we will be ill-equipped to love and serve anyone else.”

A. What does the Bible tell us about serving?

1. Serving is an overflow of God’s love for us.
John 21:17; 1 John 4:7-12
2. Serving keeps the Body of Christ healthy.
Matt. 25: 37-40

3. Serving witnesses the love of God to the world.
John 13:34-35 *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*
4. Serving helps inoculate us from selfishness, pride and pity. Phil. 2:1-8
5. Serving releases purpose & fulfillment in us.
Matt. 16:24-26
6. Serving begins with those closest to you. John 13

B. How do we build service into our lives?

What does Jesus know about serving that we don’t know?

Text: John 13:1-13

Context: Luke 22:24 Disciples arguing as to who was most important when Jesus’ kingdom comes. Judas plans betrayal.

Lessons from the Master:

1. Know the importance of timing. Vs. 1a
2. Know that serving expresses love. Vs. 1b
3. Know the Father has given us authority to serve. Vs. 3a
4. Know your origin and destiny. Vs. 3b
5. Know Christ’s cleansing work of forgiveness. Vs. 8
6. Know reciprocation is not required. Vs. 11
7. Know who you are, and whose you are. Vs. 13
8. Know that blessing comes from “doing.” Vs. 17

Matt. 20: 27-28 *“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*