

ORGANIC DISCIPLES

WEEK 4 "HUMBLE SERVICE"

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MESSAGE DESCRIPTION

Jesus left the glory of heaven and came to serve us with his own life. His disciples joyfully serve their Savior, his church, and the world he loves. When we care like Jesus, the world sees a vision of the servant Savior and is willing to hear our stories of who Jesus is and how he loves.

IMAGE

1. Show your Church website on the screen, and how to navigate to the page with all service opportunities
2. **Story of a HS Group I pastored, that made a HUGE impact in the Church, because they went all-in with "Humble Service"**. It changed the entire dynamic of our Sunday mornings.

NEED

1. As we take a look at the life of Jesus, we see that He came to this world to serve. He spent time with outcasts, sinners, and the like. As we take on the likeness of Christ, we live lives of humble service.

SUBJECT

1. Tonight we are diving into John 13, and we witness Jesus wash His disciples' feet. Imagine the looks on their faces as Jesus got up from the table to wash THEIR feet! Jesus was doing this to set an example for them so that they would go and do likewise.

PREVIEW

1. As we dive into John 13, we need to be aware that in a matter of days, Jesus will be crucified. He takes a moment with His disciples what it means to serve. No master is

greater than his servant. As we break down John 13, we will discover what Jesus knew, and what Jesus did; the interaction between Peter and Jesus, and how this moment impacted the disciples.

TEXT ADDRESS

1. We will be spending our time in **John 13** for the next 20 minutes, and I guarantee that if you listen closely and have an open heart, the Holy Spirit will do a deep work in you tonight.

SETUP

1. Jesus is just days from being crucified. He has arrived in Jerusalem on Sunday, and in we are now to Thursday. Jesus is sitting around a table with His disciples, and they have no clue Jesus is about to leave them. Jesus takes this opportunity to help His disciples understand what it means to serve.

TEXT

1. Read John 13 and emphasize the main points as you read them

MAIN POINTS

1. What Jesus KNEW, and what Jesus DID (1-5)

- a. Give the background of the timing. Jesus entered Jerusalem on Sunday, and it is now Thursday. In a matter of days, Jesus will be put to death
- b. Bring these first 5 verses to life. Dissect them to bring understanding
- c. Story of serving orphans in Thailand
- d. What does a servant life look like
 - i. Notice real needs
 - ii. Carry your cross

2. Peter and Jesus (6-11)

- a. Describe the confusion of Peter. Focus on him for 2 minutes
- b. Focus on Jesus, and His response (what does His response mean?)
- c. Talk about humility and grace
 - i. Add in a personal story

3. Jesus and the Disciples (12-17)

- a. Judas feet were still washed
 - i. Be honest that although this happened, Judas was not saved. Judas spend 3 years observing Jesus, and from the outside, it looked like he was saved. He even had the other disciples fooled.

- ii. 15 years of doing ministry, and students showed up weekly, went to camp, mission trips, etc., but never chose to follow Jesus.
- b. This night changed everything for the disciples. They are to GO and do LIKEWISE.
 - i. Story of working with orphans in Ukraine
 - ii. Story of Richard in prison, praying for the guard
 - 1. When we humble follow Jesus and humble serve, something begins to happen
 - a. Your school becomes your mission field
 - b. You will want to mentor someone to help them grow
 - c. Our Monday nights turn into a place of healing
 - d. Living like Jesus brings Jesus to a world that wonders

SUMMARY

1. One of the greatest gifts in life is to serve as Jesus did. Jesus wasn't going to leave this world to go back to Heaven without teaching His disciples about humble service. He took time to serve them. He knew where He was going, and He knew what needed to be done. In the midst of Peter not fully understanding, Jesus helps lead him into the purpose behind the moment. For all the disciples, this night around the table changed everything. Humble service was not an option, it was a lifestyle for them to live by. As we press into the likeness of our Savior, we will go and do likewise. We see the world as a mission field. We walk with others to help them grow. We live like Jesus, to bring Jesus to a world that wonders.

LANDING

1. How does this impact and change your life? Our prayer for all of you is that you see acts of humble service every day, and strive to embrace them as Jesus did. Our prayer is that you also look at Shoreline, the Church you call home, and want to humbly serve. If you look at the screen, these are all the ways you can plugin. After Small Groups, I will be at the check-in table if you want to stop by and sign-up or get more information on serving opportunities at Shoreline. You will never regret humble service. Your heart, mind, and hands are changed by it. Embrace it and watch the Spirit do something new within you.

ACTION

1. Bring in your Sunday Programming Pastor/Director who oversees all the ways to serve. Give him/her the stage to speak life into students, and how they can get

involved. Have an area designated after group, for students to sign-up for ways to serve at their Church.