

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Freedom to Serve (Season 2) | Pastor Mike McKinney

Monday, Sept 29 - Sunday, Oct 5 (Week 3)

What would hold you back from serving others? Pastor Mike explores the transformative power of Christ's servant leadership through the lens of John 13. Diving into Jesus washing His disciples' feet on the night before His crucifixion, Pastor Mike reveals how true servanthood flows from experiencing Christ's perfect, never-ending love. Despite bearing the weight of His impending death and betrayal, Jesus demonstrated selfless service, not despite being God, but because of who He is. The sermon challenges us to examine what holds us captive, whether fear, pride, or feeling overwhelmed, and points to Jesus' sacrificial love as the key to breaking free. Through vivid examples from marriage to church life, Pastor Mike illustrates how surrendering to Christ's lordship enables us to serve others vulnerably, even when it risks pain. He concludes with a stirring call to action: true blessing comes not from merely knowing we should serve, but from actually doing it under the banner of Christ's transforming love.

QUESTION #1 - The sermon named several barriers to serving: feeling overwhelmed, fear of being hurt, pride, or indifference. Which of these resonates most with you right now? Why?

QUESTION #2 - Serving others often involves risk: risk of rejection, betrayal, or being taken for granted. Can you share a time when serving someone cost you emotionally, relationally, or spiritually? How did Jesus meet you in that experience?

QUESTION #3 - John 13:1 says Jesus “loved them to the end.” How does experiencing Jesus’ personal love for you free you to serve others even when it’s costly?

QUESTION #4 - Think of the person in your life that would be hardest for you to “wash their feet,” as the sermon described. What would it look like to serve that person this week in a tangible way?

QUESTION #5 - For those who are married: What’s one practical way you could serve your spouse this week without expecting anything in return? For parents: What’s one way you could serve your children in a Christlike way? For singles: What’s one intentional way you could serve a roommate, friend, coworker, or neighbor in the coming week?



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