

Called To Serve

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John 13:7&12 (NLT)

⁷Jesus replied, “You don’t understand now what I am doing, but someday you will.” ...¹²After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, “Do you understand what I was doing?”

Life has many lessons that we learn along the way but sometimes we do not have a clear understanding of the meaning until later. Think about some of the advice we received as a child like, “don’t let your wants hurt you”, suggesting you don’t always get to have your way. Or “this hurts me more than it hurts you” often shared when we were punished. Or “you’re book smart but not street smart”, letting us know we have a lot to learn. Jesus is on his way to Calvary and stopped to show the disciples that their ministry would consist of serving. It was more than the message, the miracles, the followers or even the fame. Ministry would be about serving one another and the people.

Jesus was giving them an example to follow. He came to save the lost and wanted his mission to continue. To position the disciples to be servants, Jesus showed them the path. He did not leave them with words and mysteries. He wanted them to be clear that they were called to give of themselves to bless others. We are called to do the same. We have been saved to serve! We are not saved to be served unless it is about furthering the message of Jesus.

How can you witness to someone the love of Jesus by serving them?