

Introduction: What 2 words in each list would others say best describe you?

How would your friends describe you?

Driven	Successful	Organized
Easy Going	Intelligent	Creative
Loving	Energetic	Serious
Fun	Powerful	Religious

How would your family describe you?

Driven	Successful	Organized
Easy Going	Intelligent	Creative
Loving	Energetic	Serious
Fun	Powerful	Religious

How would your co-workers describe you?

Driven	Successful	Organized
Easy Going	Intelligent	Creative
Loving	Energetic	Serious
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“The only thing that really matters is _____, working itself out
in _____.” Galatians 5:6

Question: What does loving people really look like?

Answer: John 13

The Context:

Jesus instructed two of His disciples to prepare the Passover meal. As the 12 are en route to the secret location, a dispute arises as to which one is the greatest (Luke 22:24). Upon arriving at the upper room, there is no servant at the door to wash their feet for dinner, and none are willing to assume this inferior role. Later this night, Jesus will be arrested, the disciples will scattered, and He will be crucified the following day.

Event #1: Jesus washes the disciples' feet

John 13:1-20

- Jesus' motive and mission are clarified
- Peter's protest reveals his shame and pride
- Jesus' question to His disciples redefines greatness
- Jesus commands them to wash each other's feet
- Jesus promises blessedness through obedience

Application: Love humbly serves those we _____, (even when we're entitled to be served). See Philippians 2:3-4

Event #2: Jesus is betrayed by Judas

John 13:21-30

- Jesus predicts His betrayal
- Jesus extends honor and love to Judas
- Judas rejects Jesus' offer of forgiveness
- Judas co-operates with Satan's plan

Application: Love intentionally serves those who _____ us, (even when their behavior doesn't change). See Luke 6:27-36

Event #3: Jesus prepares His disciples for His arrest

John 13:31-38

- By His prophetic response to Judas' betrayal
- By His tender foretelling of His soon departure
- By giving them a new commandment
- By establishing a new "sign" of discipleship
- By preparing them for their failure

Application: Love passionately serves those in the _____ of Christ, (even when they hurt and disappoint us). See Hebrews 10:24-25

Discussion Questions:

1. What comes to your mind when you hear the word “servant?”
2. How did Jesus redefine leadership and greatness in His final evening with His disciples?

Read Philippians 2:3-4 and discuss the practical implications for your influence/leadership at home, work, school, and church.

3. How has the Church historically modeled loving our enemies - positively and negatively?

Read Luke 6:27-36 and discuss the specific implications for your attitudes and actions toward those who oppose you.

4. In what ways have you most enjoyed and felt fulfilled in serving fellow believers?

Read John 12:34-35 and discuss why how we treat each other is so important.

5. Where and how have you served in Christ’s Church in the past?

What specific ways could you serve at or through your church to love others?

6. What wounds from fellow Christians have been the most difficult for you?

Why?

What has been the biggest obstacle to forgiving them fully, from your heart?

Why is forgiving them so important?