

GOD'S MASTER PLAN

SERVE WITH LOVE

LESSON: When Jesus came to earth, He didn't come to be served—He came to serve others. He loved deeply and showed that love through action. Wherever there was a need, and Father God allowed, He met it with compassion and joy. Jesus healed the sick, cast out demons, gave sight to the blind, and even turned water into wine to save a wedding celebration. He brought people back to life and provided in miraculous ways—like when the disciples caught an overwhelming number of fish or when He fed thousands with just a few loaves and fish. He reached out to people that society rejected. He sat with sinners, showed them love, and genuinely cared for their well-being. Jesus gave everything He had, even His life so that others could live. He is the perfect example of what it means to serve with love. He didn't think about how serving others would cost Him—He simply served willingly and without complaint. And He calls us to do the same. One powerful example of this is found in John 13:12–17, where Jesus washes His disciples' feet. In those days, people wore sandals or went barefoot, so their feet were often dusty and dirty. It was customary for the servant of the house to wash the feet of guests when they entered a home. That's what makes this moment so meaningful. Let's read it together: John 13:12–17 "When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked them. 13 'You call me "Teacher" and "Lord," and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.'" Jesus showed us that true leadership and greatness come through humble service. He calls us to serve others the same way He did—with love, humility, and no expectation of anything in return. We often think that serving God starts at church, at a shelter, or in a nonprofit. But the most important place to begin serving is our own home. Before we go out into the world, we must first learn to serve those closest to us. Our homes are where we train our hearts for the kind of love and service God wants us to show others. So today, let's begin there. Serve the people in your home—your family, your roommates, your spouse—with joy and humility. As the week goes on, we will look for ways to serve outside the home as well. But first, let's start at home.

- QUESTIONS:**
1. What are some ways Jesus served and loved people?
 2. Why is Jesus washing the disciples' feet such a powerful example of serving others?
 3. Where does serving others need to begin?

ACTIVITY:

Take some time to do what Jesus did in John 13:12–17—wash each other's feet. Set the atmosphere with soft worship music in the background. Make this moment special and meaningful. As you wash each other's feet, take a moment to pray for the person—ask God to meet their needs.

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