

Who can I serve?

A study in John

Scriptures: Psalm 71:20; 85:6; 119:25,50; Galatians 5:13; John 13:1-17, 21

1. We are commanded to love like Jesus did.

Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. – John 13:1

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. – John 15:2 NIV

2. God wants to make an eternal difference in people's lives with the time he has given us.

Jesus knew his hour had come to depart from this world to the Father. – John 13:1

3. We cannot expect to lead if we do not first learn to love and serve.

Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands, that he had come from God, and that he was going back to God. - John 13:3

4. We are to serve those who may never turn to Jesus, and even those who have hate and betrayal toward us in their hearts.

When Jesus had said this, He was troubled in his spirit and testified, "I assure you: One of you will betray me!" – John 13:21 HCSB

5. The one who leads is to serve all he/she leads.

"Do you know what I have done to you? You call me teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have you an example that you also should do as I did to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them." – John 13:12b-17 NASB