

# SERVANTHOOD

## HIGH CALLING DISCIPLESHIP 5

### **Jesus' Teaching: Serve one another**

John 13:4-17 So [Jesus] got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him...

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

### **Why did Jesus serve in this way?**

#### **What did he teach us about serving?**

- He commanded that we serve other.
- He set an example for us to follow.
- Serving is the way of the disciple.

Matthew 20:26-28 [Jesus said,] "Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant [attendant, minister, deacon], <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be your slave [bondservant]— <sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." NIV

Ephesians 4:16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. NIV

- There is a blessing in serving.

#### **Two important points:**

##### **Nothing about the disciples would demand that Jesus should wash their feet.**

The disciples did not deserve to have Jesus wash their feet.

##### **Nothing about Jesus would indicate that the job of washing feet should be his.**

It didn't naturally fall to Jesus. His job wasn't that of a servant. He wasn't of lesser value. He wasn't of less honor. They were not kings or of any earthly importance.

### **How can we apply this discipleship teaching?**

#### **Lots of areas:**

Pastors/leaders, servants or workers, parents, marriage, etc...

## MARRIAGE

### **Instruction for wives:**

Ephesians 5:22-24 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. NIV

### **Why should a wife serve in this way?**

- There is a need.
- Wives can meet that need.
- God commanded it.
- Jesus set an example for us to follow.

Philippians 2:5-7 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. NIV

- Serving in this way is the way of the disciple.
- There is a blessing in serving in this way.

### **Two important points:**

There might be nothing about a husband that would demand that a wife should submit to him.

There might be nothing about a wife that would indicate that she should be the one to submit.

### **Instruction for husbands:**

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. NIV

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- Serving in this way is the way of the disciple.
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### **Two important points:**

There might be nothing about a wife that would demand that a husband should serve her with his life.

There might be nothing about a husband that would indicate that he should be the one to serve with his life.