**WEEK 3**

dig deeper…

Go to BibleHub.com.

Enter **John 13:1-17**.

Notice the options on the top of the page. Try reading the passage in a couple of different versions/translations.

From the “commentary” drop-down menu at the very top of the page select “Biblical Illustrator.” Use the information on that page to help answer the questions below.

1. What do we know about the washing of feet in that culture?
2. What did Jesus call Himself in this passage?
3. What was Jesus teaching His disciples?

“Engage in Service” is one of the **Four E’s** that make up our discipleship process. Serving is a necessary component in this process and a catalyst to our spiritual growth. Let’s take a deeper look at what the Bible says about serving.

We know that as disciples of Jesus we are called to obey His teaching and follow His example. The following scriptures give us insight into His mission, His attitudes, and His expectations for His followers.

**Read Mark 10:35-45**

What were the ambitions of James and John?

What kind of leadership did Jesus encourage instead?

What did Jesus reveal about His mission?

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What was He trying to teach His disciples?

**Read Philippians 2:5-8**

How would you summarize this passage?

We are told to have the same attitude as Jesus. What attitude did He display?

What opposite attitudes are mentioned in this passage?

Why is it important that we address our attitudes and not just specific behaviors?

The Bible is full of instructions and encouragements in regard to our need to serve others in the name of Jesus. Read each of these verses and write down a summary of each. What truth is being stated? What promise is being made?

Galatians 6:9-10

Matthew 16:27

Matthew 25:37-40

Ephesians 2:10

1 Peter 4:8-10

2 Chronicles 15:7

**Discussion Questions**

What is one type of service you enjoy?

To what extent do you agree with the statement that we don’t really begin to grow up spiritually until we learn to serve others? Please explain.

Who is the most difficult person for you to serve (either a specific person or a type of person)? What motivation have you found to serve them anyway?

Have you found a place in the church to serve regularly? If so, what is it? How did you decide to serve in that area?

The Bible teaches that God gives us specific gifts to be used in serving others. How do you think a person would know if they are serving in an area in which God has gifted them?

What kind of impact do you think a church that is fully committed to serving outside the walls of the church has on the community?