

Sermon Questions: Acts of Service

John 13:1-15

1. Share a time when someone did a kind act of service for you. What were the circumstances? How did you feel?
2. Share a time when you did a kind act of service for someone else. What were the circumstances? How did you feel?
3. Read John 13:1-15. Why do you think Jesus would have taken the time to wash the feet of his disciples?
4. Why do you think Jesus instructed his disciples to wash one another's feet?
5. Pastor Mark points out that when we are young and immature, it is difficult to engage in acts of service with a joyful and grateful heart. This is due to our selfish nature. How do acts of service help us overcome immaturity and selfishness?
6. When it comes to loving through acts of service, why is the attitude with which we do something just as important as whatever it is we do?
7. Pastor Mark suggests that instead of saying to someone, "let me know if there is anything I can do" we should instead think of something we can do and then ask the person if we can do that. Why is this a more helpful approach?
8. While small acts of service can be a beautiful expression of love, big acts of service that involve joining our efforts and skills with others can be a powerful demonstration of love. Why is it sometimes helpful for the church to "think big" when it comes to demonstrating God's love?
9. Have you ever been part of a team of people doing something "big" to demonstrate love through acts of service?
10. Why is it important to volunteer to serve in the ministries of the local church?