

**WITH PRACTICE:**

Jesus gave us a tangible example of humble service and then challenged us to live in like fashion. "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." (John 13:17). Humility is a foundational attitude for those who love Jesus.

1. We are people who serve. Take some time and individually read 1 John 3:16-18.

- What will you do today, this week, in response to Jesus' teaching about serving?
- Make a list of tangible ways you can serve people this week and assign group members to be responsible to do them.

Name	Act of Service	Group Member

2. Close your group time reading Romans 15:13 as a prayer of dedication

**For Further Reflection . . .**

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**WEEK #3**  
**We Serve**



# Leader's Corner

This week's study really dives into refocusing each of us on one of Jesus' foundational teachings. A servant's heart is the way of the Kingdom. Helpful acts of service level out many barriers that keep people unconnected. If we are to truly live in community and on mission, we need to be reminded about the following:

**Main Idea:** We are people who serve.

**Main Practice:** Recognize and meet tangible needs around you.

**Main Teaching:** John 13:1-17 - A servant's heart is foundational to living in community and on mission

Before your group gathers this week, prepare your gathering place to be welcoming and inviting. After everyone arrives, start the gathering time focusing on your group mission:

- One of the main goals is for every group to define their mission. This is your area of service. If your group needs help with defining a mission, please contact the small group staff ([smallgroups@eastview.church](mailto:smallgroups@eastview.church)). There are a number of opportunities available at [eastview.church/lmc](http://eastview.church/lmc).
- If your group has defined a mission, take a few minutes and talk through logistics. Make sure you have a point of contact and a set first time to serve.

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## As We Begin . . .

- What is something you are grateful for from this past week?
  - What is your relationship toward serving and caring for other people on a regular basis?
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## Love My Community . . .

### WITH PRAYER:

Have someone read this prayer over the group:

*"Jesus, as we gather, focus our hearts and minds toward you.  
Shape our hearts toward an openness to learning from you.  
Remind us that you gave the ultimate example of service.  
Instill in us a boldness to humbly serve.  
Let our love be sincere. Amen"*

### WITH PRINCIPLE:

*"You cannot truly love God without also truly loving people."*

One of the main obstacles we see in ourselves and in our communities is that often our walk with Jesus is mistakenly exemplified primarily by personal faith growth. In doing only this, we downplay and sacrifice the importance of daily, practical demonstrations of love and service. Without action, we are in danger of missing the Great Commandment (Mark 12:29-31).

In John 13, Jesus himself demonstrated with action that if his followers truly loved him, they would learn to love and serve others well. The way to live in community and on mission is through humble service. It is through acts of giving and even self-sacrifice that honor, restore, or redeem broken relationships and situations.

Jesus compels us to move away from selfish gain and growth and move towards hearts that humbly honor him and others, regardless of their disposition. Through serving others, the Kingdom of God can be on full display. Through humility, Jesus can be on full display in and through each of us.

1. Read John 13:1-17 as a group.
    - Ask someone in the group to summarize what is happening in this story.
    - What is different or significant about Jesus' actions in this story? When we see Jesus in his proper place in this story, what can we learn from him?
    - What is clearer to you about Jesus' teaching in this story?
  2. It's important to understand the connections between washing, being clean, and serving. Jesus isn't just talking about an external action but an inner attitude of humility and an eagerness to serve.
    - Read Philippians 2:1-8. What caught your attention?
    - What steps did Paul describe Jesus taking? What type of attitude is on display underneath these action steps?
    - What steps toward humility will you take in response to Jesus' teaching and example?
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