



The Real Jesus – Suffering Servant

7 April 2019

Key Scriptures

Mark 10:45

Luke 22:24

John 13:1-30

Philippians 2:5-11

Talking through the message during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps.

Questions – Talking Points

- Were there any parts that need more clarification? What stood out? What did you not understand? What did you see in a new light?
- What indicator do you see that our [individual and cultural] perception of self-esteem is not accurate?

Read John 13:1-30 and Philippians 2:5-11

- What is the difference and significance between understanding the term “*being in very nature God*” as:
 - **despite** the fact Jesus was God, he became a servant, and,
 - **because** Jesus was in the very nature God, he became a servant.
- What does it mean, and conversely, what does it not mean to be a servant?
 - Why has a misunderstanding of servanthood led to abuse?
- Why do you think Jesus waited until after the meal started before he began washing the disciples feet?
 - Why do you think no one thought to wash feet?
 - What would be a contemporary example of washing feet?
- Do you think the 12 understand what Jesus was demonstrating? Why or why not?
- Mike said “The disciples were ready to fight for the throne, but not for the towel.” What about us [again individually and as a church]?
 - What are “towel” areas that you can consider stepping into?
- Why do you think we make excuses (even if we don’t call them that) for not serving?
- Jesus washed the disciples feet, even though he knew that Judas would betray him, Peter would deny him, others would desert him. Why? What does this show us?
 - What implications does this have for our serving? For whom and how we serve?

This Week

- Read **Luke 19-22** (pick up a reading schedule)
- Connect with a LIFEGroup or a couple of friends
- Interact and reflect over the above questions
- Pray that you would see and understand Jesus clearer this Lent.

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