

## THE ATTITUDE OF A SERVANT!

Scripture used: John 13:1-17, emphasis on 3-5 (NLT)

### OVERVIEW

This week we were honored to have a guest preacher, Bishop Donald Green. Pastor Green delivered a powerful message about the need to selflessly serve the community. This is a critical piece of following Jesus. And with [NBCC moving to Redwood City](#), this is also a season for us to consider if and how we are being called to serve. With a heart full of humility, there is no room left for pride!

### KEY POINTS

**Big Idea: Jesus demonstrated how to live by serving others.**

Jesus was willing to do whatever it took for his followers, and for all of those who would come to believe in Him in the future. He made Himself low before others to prove the point that even He could -- and should -- serve. Donald Barnhouse explains why this is so important: "Love that goes upward is worship. Love that goes outward is affection. Love that stoops is grace."

Jesus was willing to stoop, so we must stoop, too. Our path is clear. As Pastor Green recounted: "The way to royalty is service. The way to greatness is ministry. The way to power is humility. The way to position is serving. The way to rule is giving." These truths all hint at the power of being made low to exalt God. We learned about four ways Jesus demonstrated this humble servitude:

- 1) **He was secure in His identification.** Jesus knew that He came from God. No one, not even Satan, could convince Him otherwise. And being secure in His lineage, Jesus did not fear serving others.
- 2) **He was honest in His revelation.** Jesus did not pretend that things would be easy. Instead, He helped His disciples understand that much of the world is meaningless vanity. That is why Jesus did not hide behind garments, but was instead willing to let others see Him for who He truly was.
- 3) **He was confident in His demonstration.** Jesus healed people, again and again, He rebuked Satan and evil spirits. His powerful demonstrations still echo, giving us the confidence to heal!
- 4) **He was clear in His expectation.** After Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, He made it clear that they were supposed to behave this way toward each other. As followers of Jesus, that same command applies to us: serve others, for "no servant is greater than his master." (John 13:16)

### DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** Pastor Green said that he didn't want to be one of those people who went to church year after year without truly absorbing Jesus' message of service. Does that describe you, or do you gladly express your gratitude by following Jesus' example?
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** In Luke 24, Jesus asked the disciples if they would rather be the ones eating dinner or the ones serving. Which would you honestly prefer? If you want to eat, what would help you feel grateful enough to instead focus on serving others?
- 3) **DO & PRAY** Pastor Green left us all with a single message: to serve someone other than ourselves this week. Identify the specific person you are going to serve, and the time you set aside to serve. If you can't think of anyone, go to the NBCC website (<https://www.nbccbayarea.com/volunteer-at-nbcc>) to sign up. Once you've committed, share the details with friends, family, and Life Group members to hold yourself accountable.