



Sermon Outline

Key verses

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

John 13:14

Serve like Jesus

- 1) Jesus washed feet
- 2) Jesus humbled himself
- 3) Jesus served the least

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:26-28

FOOTWASHING

MARCH 30
DISCUSSION GUIDE

Opening Thought *(set the context for the discussion)*

The day before he was crucified Jesus washed his disciples' feet. He said, "you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." (John 13:14-15) From the beginning of the Anabaptist Movement, Mennonites have been practicing footwashing. Today we will be challenged with the call of Christ to serve one another in love.

Ice breaker *(get people talking – 5 minutes or less)*

- What is your least favorite part of housework?

Dig Deeper *(ask for insights from your group and try to teach Biblical truth)*

- Would you let Jesus wash your feet?
- Have you ever participated in footwashing? What was the experience like?
- What practical ways can we "wash the feet" of others, both literally and figuratively? (Spend time as a group creating a list. Feel free to add to the list ways you and your family could be served by MCA and your core group.)
- Read Philippians 2:3-5. Why is humility so important for followers of Jesus?
- What are some obstacles to humility, and how can we overcome them?
- Read Galatians 5:13. What stands out to you?
- What are some ways we can "wash the feet" of our enemies, or those who have wronged us?

Closing *(wrap it up with a word of encouragement)*

Ask the Lord to develop a servant's heart within you and look for ways to humbly serve others this week. Thank the Lord for Jesus, "who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:6-8)