



LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to understand that to be like Jesus we must serve selflessly.

MAIN POINT

Jesus is our example of how to serve selflessly

MAIN SCRIPTURE(S)

John 13:1-17 NLT +

John 15:2-13 NLT

THINK ABOUT THIS

Giving examples of how you have served in the past, along with some examples can help your students start to think of ways that they can serve. Give this example during the Next Step portion.

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

GET THEM TALKING

- How was everyone's week? Share high's & lows.
- Name some examples of some selfless characters. (They can be from movies, TV shows, video games, etc.)
- What makes them selfless?
- Someone recap the main point of the message in your own words.

INTO THE WORD

READ John 13:1-17 and answer the following questions:

1. What was Jesus doing in the story?
2. Why was Peter hesitant?
3. How is Jesus washing the disciples' feet, an example of serving selflessly?
4. What are different things you can do to serve selflessly?

READ John 15:12-13 and answer the following questions:

5. How did Jesus love us?
6. Why is it important to love one another?
7. What can you do to help a friend in need?

NEXT STEP

What is one way that you can be like Jesus, and selflessly serve someone this week?

PRAYER GUIDE

We are going to close in prayer.
Anyone have any prayer requests?

MAIN SCRIPTURES

Scripture is provided for convenience, but we prefer you and your students open your Bibles to read the Scripture during Small Group. This helps your students learn how to find Scripture in their Bibles and where these verses are in the larger context of God's Word.

John 13:1-17 NLT

Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist. And poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him. When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will." "No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me" Simon Peter exclaimed "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!" Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you." For Jesus knew who would betray him. That is what he meant when he said, "not all of you are clean." After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "do you understand what I was doing?" You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord' and you are right, because that's what I am, And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet and you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.

John 15:12-13 NLT

My command is this. Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

LEADER CORNER + NOTES

Give your students time to digest the passages and your examples of ways they can serve. Allow them to find their own way in serving.