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John 13:1-17

Central Idea: God is looking for servants, not celebrities. Are you willing to serve others?

Introduction:

Jesus took the humble role of a servant, washing the dirty feet of those who should have been washing His. Why? Because He came to serve (Mark 10:45). To this servanthood mindset, the Lord calls each one of us.

On the final night before His death, Jesus exemplified love, explained it, and then exhorted His disciples to follow His example. As He interacted with them, several lessons about servanthood became clear.

Christlike servant leaders...

1. Are motivated by love to serve others (vv. 1-2).
2. Possess a security that allows them to serve others (v 3).
3. Initiate servant ministry to others (vv. 4-5).
4. Receive servant ministry from others (vv. 6-7).
5. Want nothing to hinder their relationship with God (vv. 8-9).
6. Teach servanthood by their example (vv.12-15).
7. Live a blessed life (vv. 16-17).

Conclusion:

What ought we to do to imitate Jesus' servant leadership?

1. Put others ahead of your agenda.
2. Develop confidence and security to take risks.
3. Look for a need and take initiative.
4. Perform small acts anonymously.
5. Learn to walk slowly through the crowd.
6. Begin your day by reflecting on your love for others.
7. Develop a basis for action.