

appnotes



DAY 1

READ JOHN 13:1-17

We live in a consumer culture that says “have it your way” and “this life is all about you.” It’s easy to believe that lie and sit back ready to be served. On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus gave his followers a lesson they would not soon forget. He took off his outer garment, picked up a basin and towel and went to work washing the feet of his disciples – an act that was normally reserved for children and slaves. After giving them this powerful object lesson, he reminded them that if he was willing to live (and die) as a servant, then those of us who follow Him must also make it our priority to serve one another.

DAY 2

READ MARK 10:32-45

Everyone wants to be great. How many little kids dream of being insignificant and making absolutely no impact? None! So what does it mean to be great? Is it a big office, fat salary, fancy title, or letters in front of our name? Not according to Jesus. He reminds those closest to Him that being great means serving others. Not one of us holds the title Messiah or Son of God. Jesus led the way not by being served, but serving others. If you want to be significant in the eyes of God you won’t look to be served but rather you’ll roll up your sleeves and serve somewhere (John 16:13).

DAY 3

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-26

Have you ever put something together and ended up with some extra parts? We know there shouldn’t be any extras but often we dismiss them and move on. When God designed our physical bodies he didn’t include any unnecessary parts. The Apostle Paul was probably aware of this when he wrote this passage. He let’s us in on the secret that there are no dismissible parts in the church. God created each of us with a specific role. When we don’t follow through, the whole Body suffers. You’re not dismissible and your role is not minor. Don’t consider yourself a leftover piece but play your part. The church needs you!

DAY 4

READ ACTS 6:1-7

Somewhere along the line, people in our culture started to believe that the work of the church was only for the pastors or church staff. The early church was exploding with growth and feeling the pressure. This account in the book of Acts serves as a good reminder that no one can do all the work alone. We want to let you in on a little secret: we can’t do it without you! If we want to be a church that continues to grow and help people find the way back to God we need everyone to step up and be a crewmember, not just a passenger. Remember, saved people serve people!

DAY 5

READ 1 KINGS 17:7-16

You don’t know how God will use your sacrifice to impact your life and the lives of those around you. The Widow of Zarephath is a great example of that. God asked her to make a sacrifice by putting the needs of others first. She could have said no and eaten her last meal in peace. But she didn’t. She trusted God to provide for her needs. God honored her faith and preserved the life of her and her son, as well as the Prophet Elijah whom God used in a powerful way in the nation of Israel. It all starts with stepping out in faith and watching God work with the little we have to offer!

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