

STUDY 25

SERVING OTHERS

IV. THE PROCESS - C. The Body of Christ - 3. Serving Others

Jesus Himself gave Christians the best example to follow in their relationship with one another in the body of Christ. Let's watch Him as He showed His disciples how to give to one another by being servants.

1. Take a moment to thank the Lord for beginning to show you the importance of loving others in your "family." Ask Him to continue teaching you just how important that really is.

2. Read John 13:1-17.

3. Try to imagine yourself as one of the disciples with Jesus that night. Describe in sequence what Jesus did during this supper with His men, as though you are telling the story to someone else.

4. Why did Jesus wash the feet of His men? (See vv. 13-15).

5. Jesus is showing His men the importance of humbling oneself and learning to serve others. Name one person in the body of Christ who is difficult for you to serve.

What makes it so hard to serve that person?

6. Think of three specific ways you can follow Christ's example and be a servant to that person this week. When will you make the opportunity to serve her/him?

(1)

(2)

(3)

7. Thank God for the privilege of serving others in His family. You may want to say something like this:

"Lord, sometimes it's so hard for me to learn how to serve, or even to have the right attitude. Forgive me for ever thinking that to be a servant is degrading. Thank you for showing me that serving others is the highest privilege I could have. Thank You, too, for serving me by dying for me. I'm so glad You weren't too proud." Amen
